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TENSE DEBATE IN THE DAIL

DE VALERA ON IRISH REPUBLIC

DEFEATED ON LABOUR RESOLUTION

REMOVAL OF OATH

Dublin, Apr. 27.
"THE MOMENT the Irish People are ready to stand for an independent republic, we are quite ready to lead them," declared Mr. De Valera, the President of the Irish Free State Council, in the Dail this afternoon, moving the second reading of the Bill providing for the removal of the Oath of Allegiance.

Prior to the discussion, Mr. De Valera had had demonstrated to him how much his position depends upon the support of the Labour Party. The Republican leader desired the whole time of the Dail to be devoted to the Bill. The Labour Party demanded discussion of a resolution on unemployment. The dispute was forced to a division and the Government was defeated by a margin of eight votes.

The rebellion of Mr. De Valera's Labour "supporters" occurred before the debate on the Oath began, the Government moving that every day be devoted to the Bill until it has been passed.

GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

An Independent Labour Deputy moved that the motion on unemployment standing in his name was more important and should be taken up at nine o'clock to-night.

The President of the Council, Mr. De Valera, resisted the claim, and it was pressed to a division, upon which the Republican Government suffered defeat, by seventy-four votes to sixty-six.

Mr. De Valera declined to accept the defeat as vital and the debate on the Bill removing the Oath then proceeded.

ELECTION PROMISE.

The terms of the Republican Party's election manifesto were recalled by Mr. De Valera, who pointed out that the first item in his platform was the removal of the Article in the Constitution making the Oath of Allegiance obligatory upon all members of the Dail.

The Government, he said, proposed to honour that pledge. They were prepared to go much further as soon as the Irish people were ready.

RULE BY COERCION.

The Oath of Allegiance, he declared, was a block to the way of national unity and willing obedience to the law, so that government by coercion was the result.

The deletion of the Oath from the Constitution was quite consistent with the position of the Irish Free State as a co-equal partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations, for the British House of Commons, and the Legislatures of Canada, South Africa and Australia could table similar legislation.

NO NEGOTIATIONS.

He would certainly not be drawn into negotiations with the United Kingdom on the matter. Treaties, as a rule, were not a part of constitutional law of countries and in any case, the removal of the Oath did not, in his opinion, violate the Treaty with England.

"The Bill is one of the greatest pieces of political chicanery in history," declared Mr. Cosgrave, ex-President of the Council, who followed Mr. De Valera. The debate is proceeding.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

YOUNG POLICE OFFICER

DEATH OF SERGEANT COLEMAN

The death occurred at the Kowloon Hospital at 9.15 this morning of Lane Sergeant R. A. Coleman, of the Hongkong Police Force.

Coming from the Channel Islands, in the island of Guernsey of which he was a native, the late Robin Arthur Coleman was a son of Mr. F. A. Coleman, former light-house keeper in the Hongkong Government Service now retired and living with his wife at Hastings, Sussex. The deceased joined the Force as a Constable on November 22, 1924, being promoted Lance-Sergeant in the following year. He was proficient in Cantonese and Hindustani, a zealous and indefatigable officer, and was held in high esteem by his superiors. For a time he served on the detective staff, later going on regular duty and being for the greater part of the time, until his death, stationed in the New Territories. His last post was at Shatoukok.

Last Tuesday, the deceased had to go into the hospital for treatment of some throat affection, after having previously been down with measles and having only a short time before been discharged from another hospital. His condition at the Kowloon Hospital, in consequence of the throat trouble, became critical and he passed away rather suddenly this morning. He was only 38 years of age.

The greatest sympathy will go to his parent, and to his widow, who is resident in Hongkong with one of their two children. The elder, a lad of six years, is at home receiving treatment for the distressing after-effects of an attack of meningitis, which has left him crippled.

Of tall stature the late Sgt. Coleman was greatly liked by his colleagues and a wide circle of friends, who will be saddened to hear of his untimely demise. The funeral takes place this afternoon, the remains, to be brought over in a motor-hearse from Kowloon, and lined to arrive at the Stubbs Road junction at 5 p.m., being interred in the upper terrace of the Protestant Cemetery which will be entered by the Stubbs Road gate. Full honours will be accorded the deceased.

PLAN FOR EMPIRE CURRENCY

REMONETISATION OF SILVER

FOR DISCUSSION AT OTTAWA

London, Apr. 28.
According to the *Financial Times* correspondent in Toronto, the question of an Empire currency will be fully discussed at the Ottawa Conference.

It is understood that proposals will be submitted that the banks of the Empire should carry a minimum of ten per cent, and a maximum of forty per cent, of the gold value of their metallic reserves in silver.

It is urged that this step will permit the banks to take advantage of any fluctuations in silver and tend to stabilise its price.

It will also be proposed that the existing debased silver currency be called in and replaced by coinage of pre-war standard.—*Reuter.*

OTTAWA PARLEY ADVISER

T.U.C. MAKES TWO APPOINTMENTS

London, Apr. 27.
The General Council of the Trade Union Congress has appointed Mr. J. Bromley (Chairman) and Mr. Walter Clitine (General Secretary) as advisers to accompany the Government delegation to advise on industrial questions at the Ottawa Conference.—*British Wireless.*

FU RIVER RISES RAPIDLY

BIG ADVANTAGE TO MOTOR BOATS

Wuchow, Apr. 26.
The waters of the Fu River have risen so high that it is now possible for motor boats to ply between Wuchow and Chiu Ping, a distance of 160 English miles.

This greatly shortens the time necessary for the trip to Chiu Ping, Peng Lok, and Kwal Lam. Travel on the Fu River, because of the shallow water, ordinarily has to be made in small native junks, which are rowed, pulled, or pushed.

The fast moving motor boats also lessen the possibility of attacks by brigands who are known to have their headquarters on the river.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

EMPIRE TRADE EXTENSION

COLONIAL GOVERNORS CONSULTED

London, Apr. 27.
In the House of Commons, the Colonial Secretary, Sir Philip Cunliffe Liston, said he was in constant touch with all Colonial Governors on the possibilities of extension of trade between the Dominions and Colonies.—*British Wireless.*



De Valera now challenges Ireland to give him a mandate to create an independent republic. Top picture shows the riot scene at Ennis, Co. Clare, when he made a similar appeal some years ago. Below, he is shown in a characteristic speaking pose.

TARIFF BARGAIN WEAPON

GOVERNMENT POLICY STATED

London, Apr. 27.
It was announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Government have accepted the view of the Import Duties Advisory Committee that the duties imposed by Order should not, in general, be reduced in the next twelve months.

Major Colville, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, who made the statement in reply to a question, added "The General outlook of the United Kingdom trade is such however that some modification may be found expedient even within that period if it should prove possible to secure in return for reduction in import duties, a promise of substantial advantages to our export trade.—*British Wireless.*

ARSENAL DEFEAT HUDDERSFIELD

THIRD MATCH IN FIVE DAYS

London, Apr. 27.
The Arsenal, playing their third match in five days, gave a splendid performance at Huddersfield to-day, repeating their success in the sixth round of the F. A. Cup competition.

It is now practically certain that (unless Everton come an unexpected cropper) the Arsenal will be runners-up for the League as well as for the Cup. Newcastle, the Cup winners, failed to beat the lowly Blackpool side.

First Division.	
Huddersfield	1 Arsenal
Newcastle	2 Blackpool
Scottish League.	
Rangers	1 Hamilton
Clyde	1 Queen's Park

The revised English league table, shows the following as leaders:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	39	25	8	11	115	63	53
Arsenal	40	20	10	10	81	48	50
Wednesday	40	21	6	13	93	78	48
Aston Villa	40	19	8	13	102	47	46
Huddersfield	40	18	10	12	77	59	40
West Brom	41	20	6	15	72	49	46
Sheffield U.	40	20	6	14	79	69	46

BRITAIN'S HINT

NAVAL TREATY CLAUSE

DISAPPOINTED BY DISARMAMENT TARDINESS

Geneva, Apr. 27.
All is not going well at the Disarmament Conference. The position, indeed, is so delicate that the sudden indisposition of M. Tardieu has been welcome rather than otherwise, as likely to avert a definite breach.

Blunt admissions have been made that Great Britain regards the progress of the Conference as disappointingly slow.

A hint has been thrown out by a very prominent British statesman at Geneva that Great Britain might have to consider using the clause of the London Naval Treaty permitting construction above the specified limits.

This important hint was made in the course of a private interview intended for circulation in the newspapers of all nations.

BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

M. Tardieu's rest, owing to laryngitis, may prove a blessing in disguise, as it is averting an open and avowed check at Geneva.

M. Tardieu has been leading a life of hyper-tension, covering the triangle Paris-Geneva-Belfort in coping simultaneously with a strenuous electoral tussle and vital diplomatic negotiations.

FORTY-FIVE HOURS TALKING

During sixty hours spent in his constituency, he has addressed meetings lasting over forty-five hours in the open-air. He is certain of election and can direct his campaign from his Paris flat, but his inability to keep the rendezvous at Geneva on Friday with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Stimson, and Dr. Bruening may have a far-reaching effect, as the MacDonald-Stimson arbitration between M. Tardieu and Dr. Bruening regarding disarmament will be at least temporarily blocked.

Mr. Stimson will not wait long at Geneva. He is leaving on Friday for the Riviera, en route for home, and Mr. MacDonald cannot lay indefinitely at Geneva.

It is doubtful, anyway, whether a real rapprochement could be obtained, as since Hitler's victory at the polls there is determined opposition in France to making any more concessions to Germany.—*Reuter.*

MR. STIMSON'S MESSAGE.

Paris, Apr. 27.
Mr. Stimson has sent a message to M. Tardieu, expressing regret that they cannot re-meet to resume their discussions on the important matters which they have already considered.

He regrets that his health compels him to leave Geneva as soon as possible, but gives an assurance that the American delegation at Geneva will do everything in its power to carry on their labours in the spirit which has hitherto animated the discussions.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has telegraphed to M. Tardieu expressing deep regret at his illness, and hoping for a complete and early restoration to health.—*Reuter.*

PARLIAMENTARY ACT

COMMONS REFUSES TO AMEND.

London, Apr. 27.
The House of Commons, by 204 votes to four, refused leave for the introduction of a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Act.—*British Wireless.*



Mr. C. W. A. Scott (right) who has just broken the record for an England-Australia flight, and Mr. J. A. Mollison, who is to attempt a solo Atlantic flight to America. The picture was taken at Lympne, from which point Scott took off.

MANCHURIA CHAOS

BANDITS FIRE TIMBER STORE

Harbin, Apr. 28.
The Japanese punitive expedition has occupied Hailin, the cavalry entering the city on Tuesday night, the main force having been held up because the line had been torn up for a considerable distance.

It is reported that the Japanese military have now taken over the section of the Chinese Eastern Railway between Hongtiaohe and Shihiaohe and are running trains thereon.

Meanwhile, the bandits are still very active. The failure of the C.E.R. to pay \$20,000 into the war-chest of one gang of bandits, led them to attack the C.E.R. timber concession near Shihiaohe.

The place was looted, numerous horses were stolen and the place set on fire. The huge stocks of timber are now burning furiously.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN EXCUSES.

London, Apr. 22.
Captain Eden, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, questioned regarding the Japanese attitude towards the Manchurian question, said the Japanese Government had declared that Japan was fully prepared to stand by her obligations under treaty.

So far as he was aware, the Japanese Government regarded the treaty as applicable to Manchuria but maintained that treaties which relate to China must necessarily be applied with due regard to the state of affairs from time to time prevailing in that country.—*British Wireless.*

NEW GOVERNOR OF UGANDA

SIR B. BOURDILLON APPOINTED

London, Apr. 27.
H.M. the King has appointed Sir Bernard Bourdillon, Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Uganda, in succession to Sir William Gowers.

Uganda's new Governor has been Colonial Secretary in Ceylon since 1929, when he succeeded Sir Murchison Fletcher, formerly of Hongkong and now Governor of Fiji. He joined the Indian Civil Service in 1908, and from 1921 to 1929 served in Iraq.—*British Wireless.*

OIL CORPORATION LOSS

\$27,000,000 IN 1931

New York, Apr. 27.
The Shell Union Oil Corporation reports that in the financial year 1931 it made a net loss of \$27,000,000.—*Reuter.*

DARING FINAL HOP

500 MILES OF SEA IN DARKNESS

TIME TO SPARE

(Reuter's Special Service).

Port Darwin, Apr. 28.
Mr. C. W. A. Scott, the famous long-distance flier, arrived at Port Darwin at 10.22 a.m. beating Mr. Butler's record by seven hours and thirty-six minutes.

Kupang, Apr. 27.
The airman, Scott, who is making an attempt on the England-Australia flight record, reaches here this afternoon for his take-off for Australia.

As he does not want to land in Port Darwin until daylight to-morrow morning, he proposes to wait here, until night, falling over the five hundred miles of the Timor Sea in the darkness.

TIRED OF EFFORT.

He hopes to land at Port Darwin at seven o'clock local time which would result in cutting about nine hours off Butler's record.

The famous airman admits he is feeling exhausted. He is tired, he says, of trying to overtake and will return to England by steamer.

MOLLISON'S NEW PLAN.

Meanwhile the hero of another memorable flight along the sea route, though in the opposite direction, Mr. J. A. Mollison, his return to London from a record-breaking flight to Cape Town, has announced that he proposes to attempt an Atlantic solo flight from Britain to America. Mollison proposes to make the attempt in the middle of "Juni" taking the "Great Circle" route and landing in Newfoundland.

DR. ALFRED SZE'S ILL-HEALTH

BACK IN LONDON TEMPORARILY

London, Apr. 27.
Dr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister in London, whose health broke down after strenuous work at Geneva in connexion with the Manchuria crisis, has returned from a "prolonged rest cure" in Spain.

He is now at the Chinese Legation clearing up the arrears of work, pending the arrival of his successor, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs at the present time.

Dr. Sze informed Reuter that he resigned purely for health reasons and his resignation had been accepted on condition that he resume the Diplomatic Service when recovered.

He is going to Malaga and Paris as soon as possible to continue medical treatment.—*Reuter.*

DOLLAR DROPS A FARTHING

CHANGE DURING THE FORENOON

The Hongkong dollar opened unchanged at 1s. 3 1/8d. this morning, but during the course of the forenoon a drop of a farthing to 1s. 2 7/8d. was registered. The local market is an easier undertone, as also is Shanghai.

Yesterday, silver rose 3/16th London, chiefly due to China's falling. The market closed quiet. After the official close the market ruled very quiet with no special feature. New York reports a decline of 1/8th, with the market futures are also down.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge
League.

In our previous article we discussed the bidding of four-card suits ahead of five. Not only does the bidding of four-card suits ahead of five give partner an accurate picture of your hand, but it also conveys a definite defensive strength.

Four-card suits are generally stronger than five-card suits, especially for defensive purposes. Supposing you held four diamonds to the ace, king and five spades to the king, jack, ten. Under the old system of bidding, you would open with a spade and if the bidding did not get too high, you would show your diamond suit. If, however, the opponents finally bought the contract and it was your partner's opening lead, he would undoubtedly open with a spade, the first suit you had bid, and this might be the only opening that would allow the opponents to go game.

However, under the writer's system of bidding, if you had bid a diamond first and a spade later on, your partner would definitely know that your diamond suit was a fourcarder and that your spade suit was at least five cards long, therefore his proper opening would be diamonds. An ace king suit four times will take two tricks against an opponent's declaration a great deal more often than a five or six-card suit headed by ace, king. Very seldom will the second lead of the four-card suit be ruffed, while in most cases the second lead of a six-card suit will be, and very often the second lead of a five-card suit.

Bid the Highest of Two
Four-Card Suits.

When holding two biddable four-card suits, bid the higher ranking of the two first. While it is true that partner will assume that your second suit contains five cards, by bidding the higher ranking one first, he should give consideration to the fact that both of your bids may be four-card suits.

Four-card suits are very seldom rebid excepting a four-card major headed by ace, king, queen or ace, queen, jack, ten. If partner has given you a double raise and you hold good outside strength, occasionally you will rebid your four-card major.

When holding two five-card suits, the higher ranking of the two should be bid first. Supposing you held five hearts and five diamonds, you would open with the heart suit, on the next round show the diamond suit, partner will assume that you hold four hearts and five diamonds. Then on the next round rebid the heart suit. As the rebids of four-card suits are very rare, partner will now know that you hold five hearts and five diamonds.

Showing Six-Five Distribution.

In this same manner, in 50 per cent. of the cases, you can show partner when you hold a six-card and a five-card suit; e.g., you hold six diamonds and five hearts. You bid the diamond suit first. On the next round you show the heart suit, then on the next round you rebid the diamonds. Partner naturally makes the following deductions—when you bid a diamond, he assumed that it was a four-card suit, then when you show the heart suit, that gives you four diamonds and five hearts. When you rebid the diamonds you showed him at least a five-card diamond suit, but if you held five hearts and five diamonds, you would have bid the hearts first. Why therefore did you bid the diamonds first. Simply because you must have had six diamonds and five hearts.

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LEAGUE MISSION

WELCOME EXTENDED BY
MANCHUKUO

Mukden, Apr. 27.
Lord Lytton has recovered from his indisposition and the Commissioners again interviewed General Honjo to-day. There is still no decision regarding the programme northwards.

A Changchun message says that in response to Lord Lytton's note, notifying the entry of the Commissioners into Manchuria, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hsieh Chieh-shi has telegraphed assuring Lord Lytton that the Manchukuo Government will welcome the arrival of the Commissioners and place all facilities at their disposal.—*Reuter Special.*

Yalu Disturbances.

Antung, Apr. 27.
The anti-Manchukuo movement in the Tungchua district is spreading and a critical situation prevails in the Yalu region where Chinese soldiers and police are reported to have joined the anti-Manchukuo elements and started disturbances.—*Reuter Special.*

The writer suggests that you deal out several hands with a partner and try bidding the hands back and forth until you become thoroughly familiar with four-five six-five bidding.

LONDON TREATY

JAPAN OPPOSED TO PLAN
FOR EXTENSION

Tokyo, Apr. 27.
Japanese vernacular papers report that the Navy Office are opposed to the proposal to extend the term of the London Naval Treaty after the present termination in 1936.

Reports from Geneva state that Mr. Stimson has suggested to the French Premier, M. Tardieu and the Italian delegate, to extend the Treaty until 1942.—*Reuter.*

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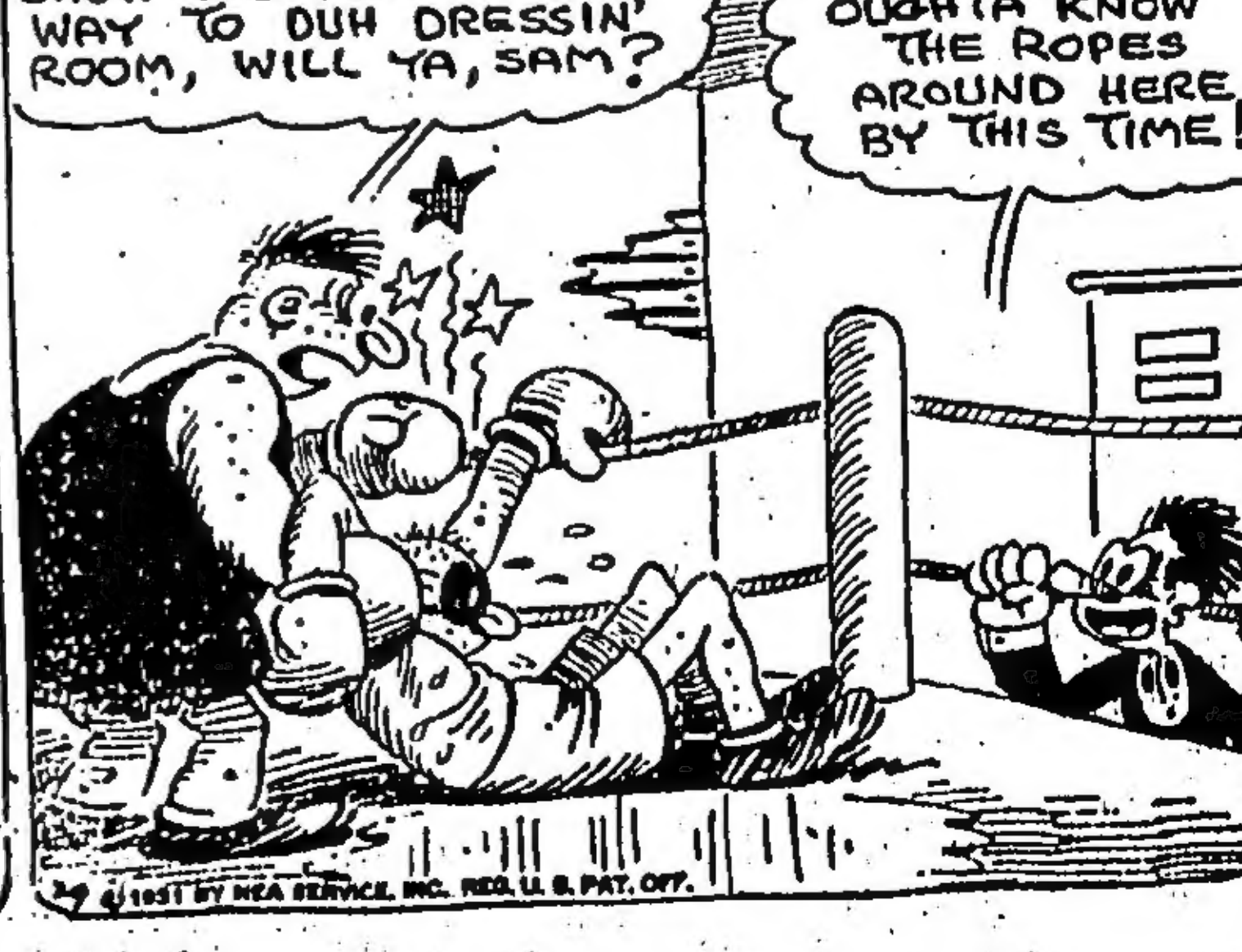
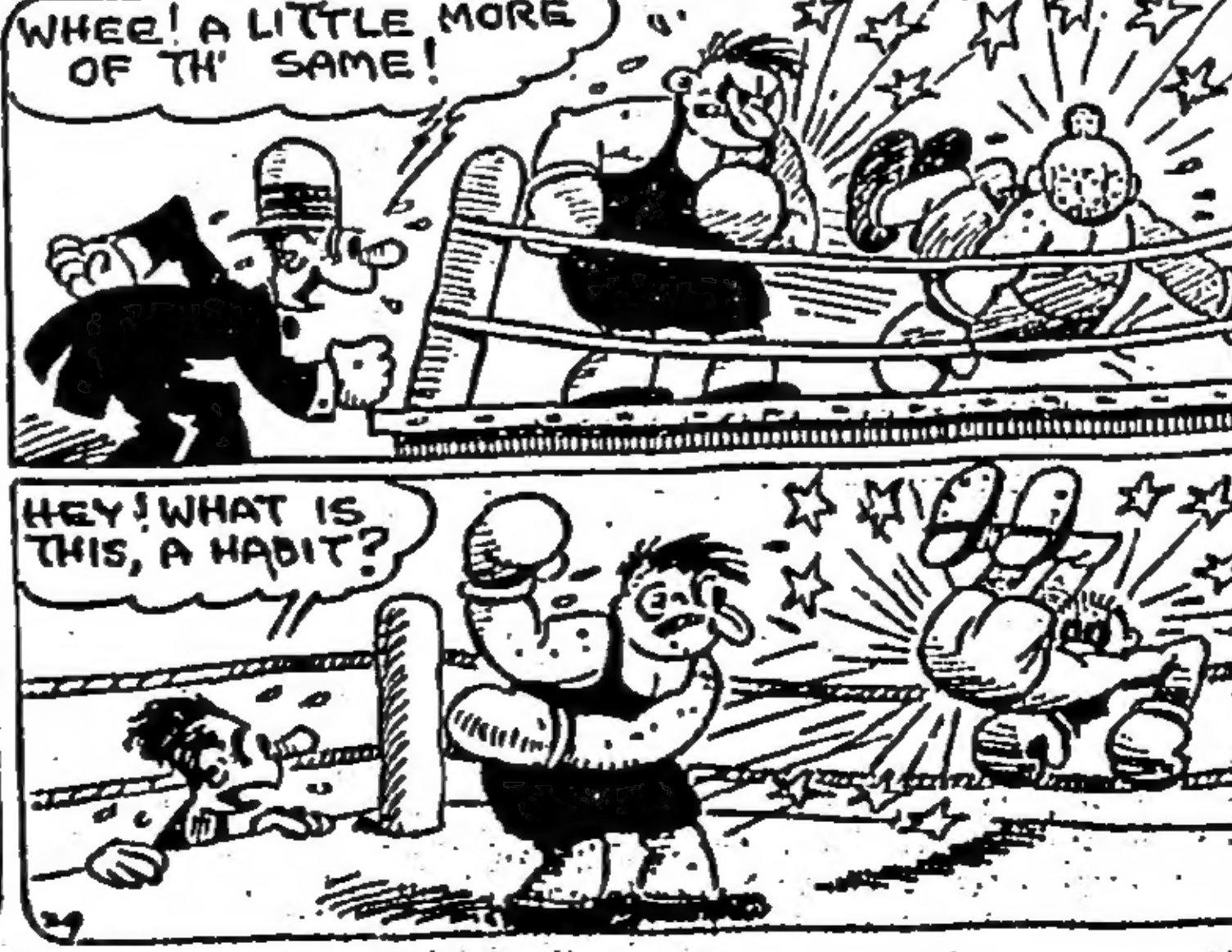
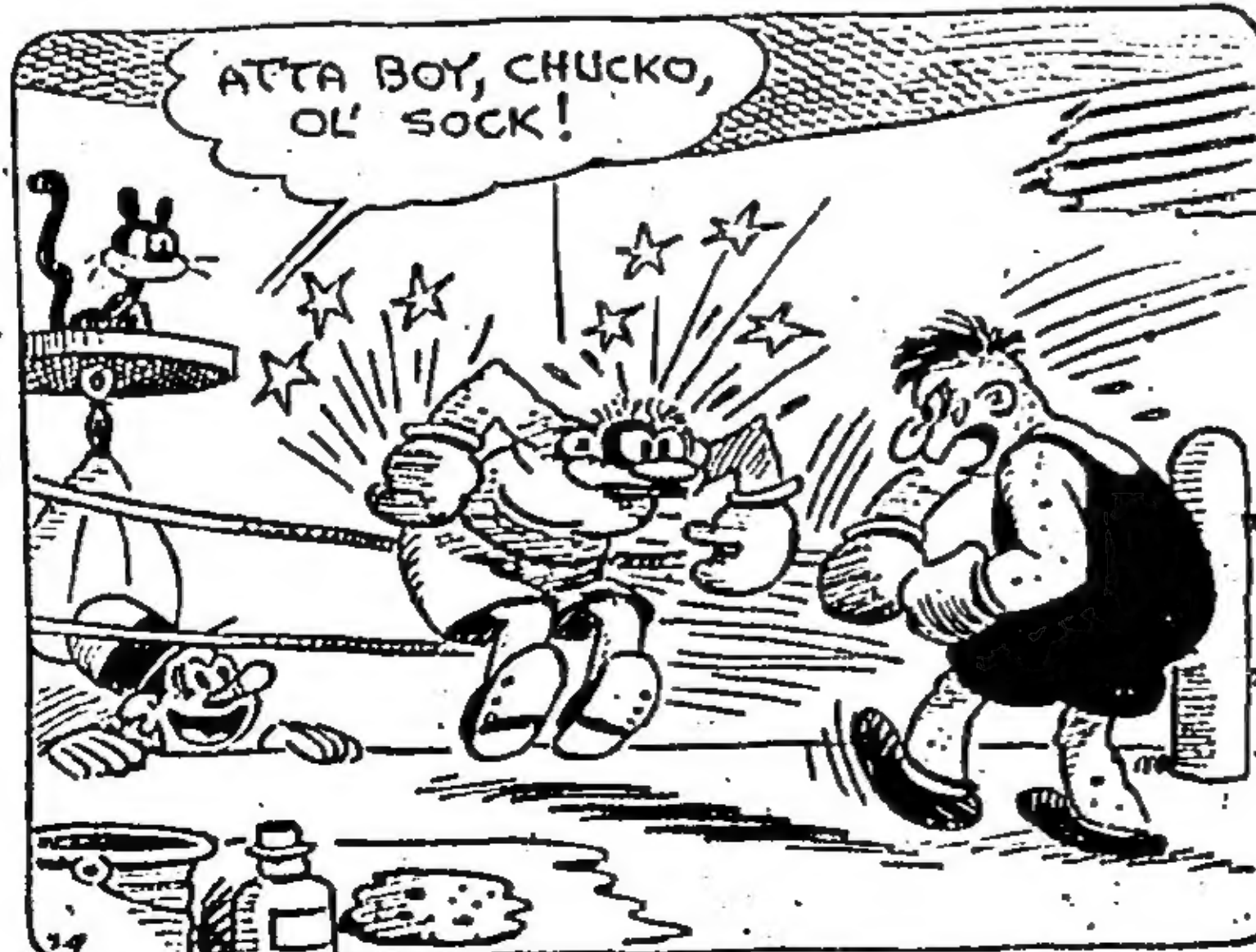


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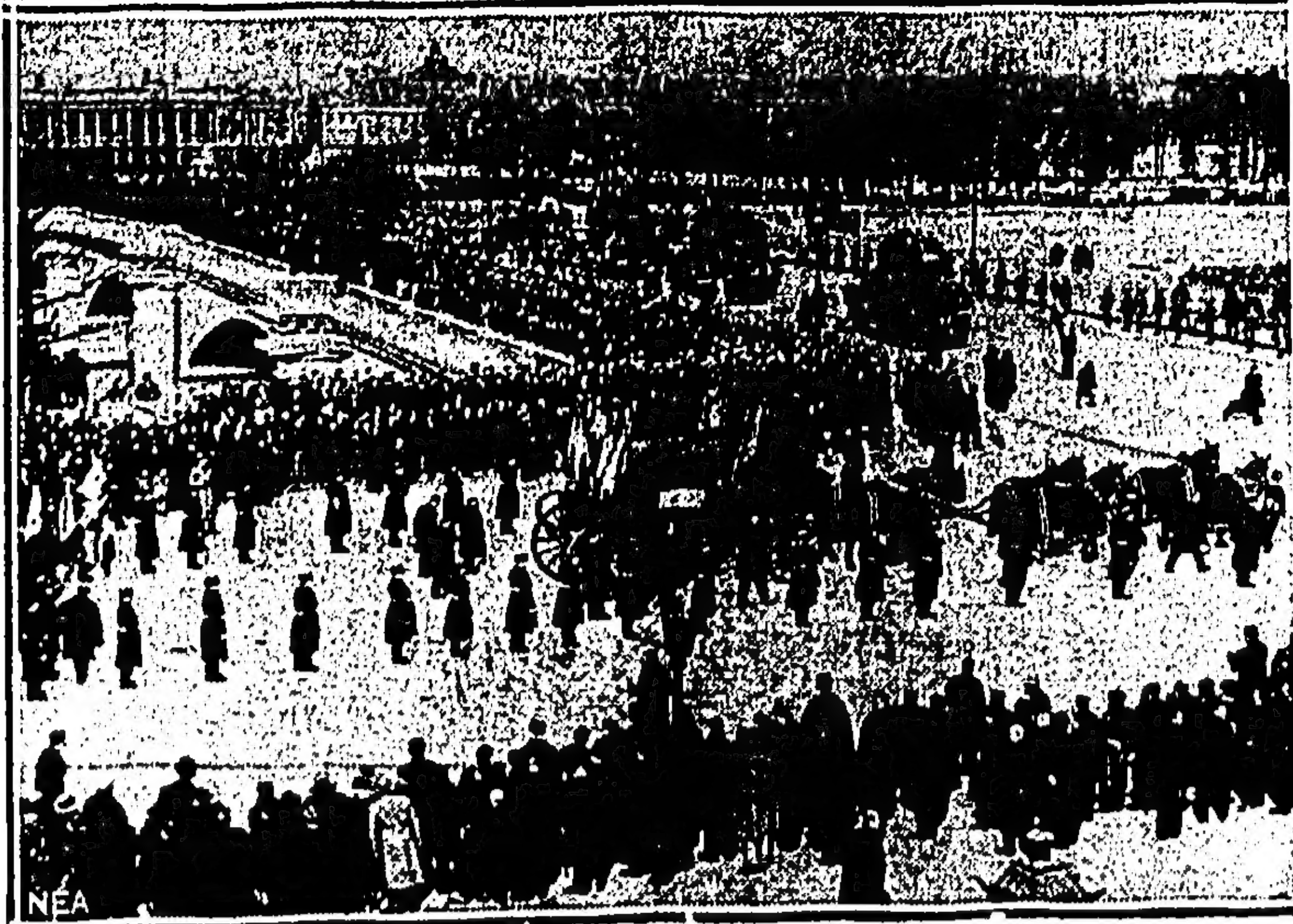
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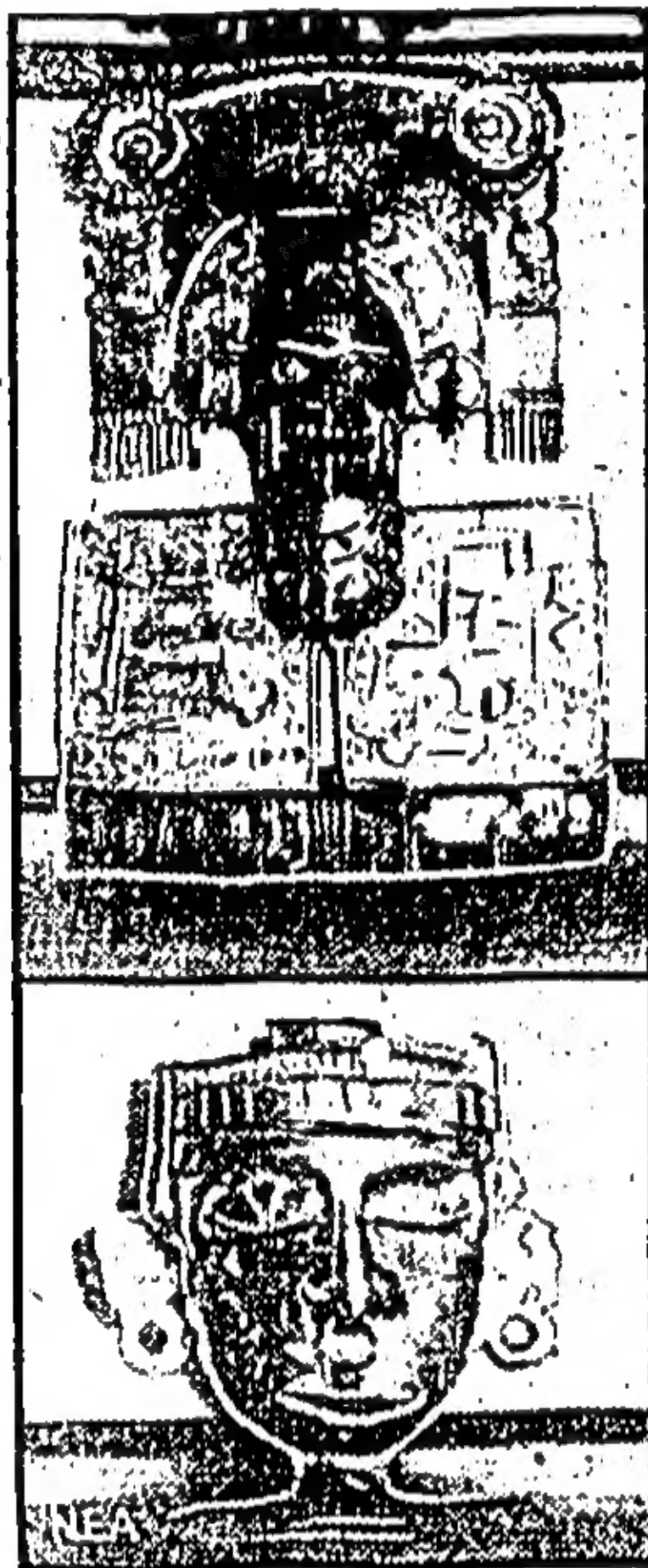
A SIMPLE FLAG-DRAPED COFFIN containing the body of France's beloved Aristide Briand, while men paid homage to the memory of the silver-tongued statesman who held many of his nation's highest offices.



THOUSANDS solemnly stood with bared heads as Aristide Briand was borne amidst military pomp through the streets of the little cemetery at Passy. This striking picture reveals the scene as the carriage carrying the famous statesman's casket was about to turn into Pont de la Concorde.



Henry Pu Yi youthful "emperor" of the new Manchurian State, shown with his wife, leaving the ceremonies at which he took the oath. Note in the background the crossed flags of Japan and Manchuria.



Hailed as the richest discovery in the history of America, the finding of the tomb of six ancient chiefs at Monte Alban, near Oaxaca, Mexico, brought to light the priceless relics shown above. At the top is a royal pendant of gold, representing a Mexican warrior. A Xipe mask of pure gold is shown below.



A rare photographic study showing Pope Pius XI busily at work in his private study at Vatican City.

The dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAYTON

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Beautiful Ellen Rooster, a salesgirl in Hardy's Department Store, works nights as a dance hall waitress at Dreamland. She lives with her extravagant mother, Molly Rooster, her sister, Myra, and her young brother, Mike. Steven Barclay, 27 and Ellen's employer, loves the girl but she is to love with Larry Harrowgate, an artist she has met at Dreamland. She loves her heart to him in spite of the fact that he is engaged to Elizabeth Howe, a debutante. Ellen is unwilling to wound Barclay but when scandalous gossip is circulated at the store, she determines to see him no more. However, Molly Rooster, anxious for Ellen to marry a rich husband, invites him to dinner. Molly borrows money to make the apartment attractive and this intrigues Ellen. She and Molly prepare the dinner while Myra and Bert Armstrong, Myra's fiancé, entertain the guests. Barclay drives Mike's bicycle, and the boy is delighted that Ellen is seriously displeased. The dinner party ends off to a bad start.

CHAPTER XVIII

The dinner, off to such a bad start, was soon a jolly, friendly affair. The food was excellent and not, as Ellen had feared in the beginning, too elaborate. She had omitted the pate and had firmly vetoed Molly's suggestion that the lobster be served in the shell. They began the meal with lobster cocktail, cool and delicious and served with one of Ellen's famous sauces. Then there was the roast duck, cunningly and accurately seasoned. The vegetables, green corn with peppers and peas and broccoli, were served with cream sauces.

Ellen had managed everything so that the dinner seemed a great deal simpler than it was. Bert, firmly prevented from discussing baseball, was encouraged to talk of his really amazing knowledge of literature. Myra and Ellen, invariably controversialists, were soon gaily wrangling with him over the rightful place of some of his favourites. Where would Sinclair Lewis be in 100 years? A historian of his age or completely forgotten? How about Hemingway?

They argued while Molly, a proud smile in her eyes, looked at Barclay as if to demand whether her daughters were not the cleverest in the world. Steven, silent at first and not quite understanding how the game was played, entered one or two suggestions only to see them torn to bits and flung back at him altered almost beyond recognition. He learned quickly; warmed to their youthful vigour. Soon he was defending his position as valiantly as they defended theirs. He caught Myra's and Ellen's attention when

he mentioned his acquaintance with several of the authors under discussion. They demanded more and then more.

Before he knew it, he was talking of places he had been and people he had met. He sketched Monte Carlo for them and told of little French towns where life moved just as it had 300 years before. He recreated the colour of glittering bazars and apun tales of adventurers, princesses, statesmen and scoundrels he had known.

Ellen forgot her resentment of the man under the spell of the pictures he drew. Oh, it would be fun to travel, to see the grey spires of Paris and to wander in the cool depths of the Black Forest.

The little group ignored the passage of time as they proceeded further and further into the fascinating exploration of one another's minds. Finally there came an interruption.

It was the coloured maid again. "I've waited and waited," she announced mournfully. "I want my \$5. I got to go home."

They all laughed and struggled from the table. Ellen became aware that the room was stiflingly hot. Troubles which had been put away returned to harass her. What was to happen to them? The insurance money so painfully scraped together had been spent for an evening's pleasure. The coast of Normandy was all very well but where was the rent to come from?

When they wandered from the debris in the dining room to the stuffy living room, she moved to the window and stared down at the roly street. Children were playing and screaming there while mothers and fathers sat wearily on the stoops, fanning themselves with newspapers they would later toss into the gutters. Ellen could not distinguish Mike from the distance but she could hear his boastful voice. She felt an inward pang. What was to become of him, a child who had no playground but the street?

"Whew, it's simply scorching!" breathed Molly's voice in her ear. "I was hoping we'd have a storm. But you look cool enough." Ellen turned from the window. "I'm not cool," she said listlessly. "I don't believe it will ever rain again. There's not even heat

lightning." "Why don't we all go driving?" suggested Steven, laying aside his cigar.

"You and Ellen go," Molly said with naive haste. "I'd love it but I've promised to drop in on a neighbour for a few minutes. Mrs. Clancy downstairs."

Bert, stretched at full length on the couch, had lapsed into somnolence but when Steven spoke he roused. "Myra and I'll go along," he announced, yawning. "I've never ridden in a limousine and I don't want to miss the chance."

Somewhat to his own surprise Bert did not accompany Ellen and Steven on the drive. He did not understand entirely how it happened that instead he took Myra to a neighbourhood movie theatre. Ellen could have told him. As usual, Molly had managed.

The girl's cheeks were burning as the heavy car swished up Pine street and turned toward the Heights. Steven had fallen silent and she wondered in a fever of nervousness what he was thinking of all this. Certainly he must have seen that the ride had been deliberately arranged by Molly.

There was a curious light in the world, more elusive than moonlight and yet like moonlight. Grey buildings seemed to come alive with the still, odd light. It lay along the street in pools. Not a breath of wind stirred and the dusty trees stood motionless as painted trees.

They drove on to Brooklyn Heights. The limousine was parked and the chauffeur wandered away. Reflected in the star-spangled harbour, lower Manhattan with its tall buildings and lighted windows became unreal as a dream. A beautiful, fanciful panorama massed like the towering cities in the clouds so that at any moment one might expect the whole to float away.

The odours though were close and real. The good, sharp smell of water and grass; the friendly smell of Steven's cigar; the intangible, mysterious smell of the night itself. There were the mournful sounds of steamboat whistles and the gentle

lapping of water. There were the low voices of lovers whispering on hidden benches.

Gradually there stole over Ellen a sense of luxury and well being. She had been foolishly, almost hysterically reluctant to go out alone with Steven, apprehensive lest he should say to her what she so ardently desired should go unsaid.

Now those vague, troubled fears and apprehensions were lost as were her fears of the ultimate destination of her family. It was enough to sink back among soft cushions and to drink in the magic beauty of the evening.

"It's not true, is it?" she asked Steven dreamily as she stared out across the water. "Nothing could be so lovely and still be true."

"That's rather a hard philosophy, don't you think?" "Oh, I don't know." Her laugh in the darkness was uncertain. She had been entirely at ease. Now she wondered if he were thinking her childish and immature. She was never quite sure of herself when she was with him.

It was hard to forget that he was Steven Barclay, owner of Barclay's Department Store, hard to forget that he was a great deal wiser than she—a great deal older. How presumptuous Molly had been; how presumptuous she herself had been to imagine that he was sentimentally interested in her. He was Steven Barclay.

But if she could have read Barclay's thoughts she would have known that she was wrong. He, too, was self-conscious. It was only that age had taught him to hide his feelings. He had always taken what he wanted from the world. Indeed what he wanted had come so easily that he had grown a little contemptuous of the world and the ease of conquering it. Now as his mood of self-consciousness increased he felt a pang of real fear that the desire which had obsessed him when he first caught sight of the young girl at his side would, in the end, fail of fulfillment.

They were silent again. Ellen was entirely unprepared when Steven leaned forward and took her hands.

"Look at me, Ellen," he bade her in a strange, breathless voice. As she obeyed she knew what was coming. She checked a wild impulse to leap from the car, to



Miss Marion Fortescue, a daughter of Mrs. Granville Fortescue, sailed from England to attend the trial. Miss Fortescue is shown above at Oxford University, where she has been studying for a degree.

run away and hide in the night, an impulse of pure panic. Instead she sat quietly, her cold slim hands in his. "I suppose you've guessed what I mean to say," Barclay began, plunging desperately because his carefully rehearsed phrases had failed.

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 At the Town Hall at Prince-
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 convicts charged in connexion
 with the sensational revolt at
 Dartmoor last January.
 Mr. Justice Finlay is being
 closely guarded, armed guards
 being placed round his hotel all
 night.
 The precincts of the court to-
 day teemed with armed police and
 plain clothes detectives.
 True bills were returned against
 all the accused. There were five
 indictments, one of which contains
 the names of all of the 31 accus-
 ed, while some individuals are
 charged with attempted murder
 and eight are charged with arson.
 The defence will call 24 of the
 accused and 60 other convicts
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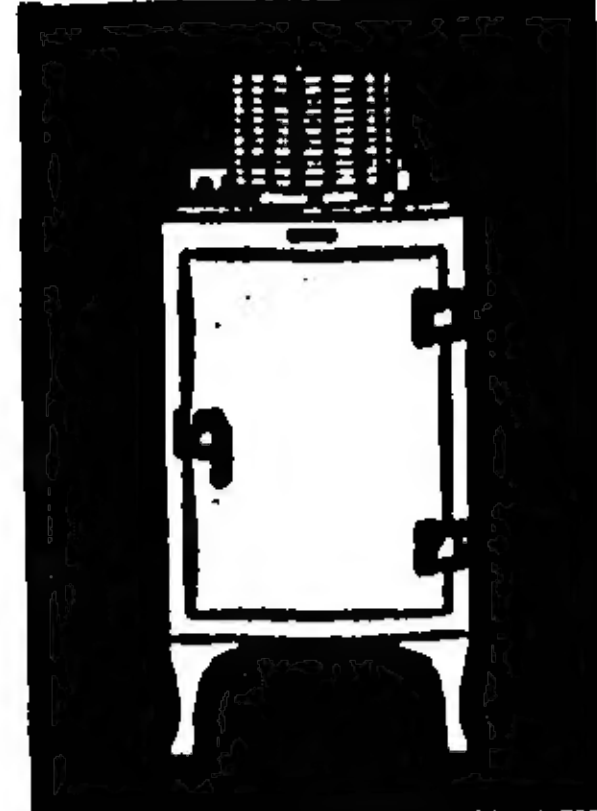
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Shanghai and Swatow	Bangalore	April 30.
Straits	Yuen-sang	April 30.
Calcutta and Straits	Afrika Maru	April 30.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco 1st April)	Hikawa Maru	May 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	May 2.
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Hoihow	New Mathilde	Wed., Apr. 28 5 p.m.
Japan	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Apr. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Blintang	Fri., Apr. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and "Europe via Victoria B. C.	Pres. Taft	Fri., Apr. 29, Parcels,
	Reg.,	29th 8 p.m.
	Letters,	29th 4.45 p.m.
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	Reg.,	Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
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	Registration	30th, 9.45 a.m.
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	Parcels	April 29, 6 p.m.
	Letters	April 30, 8.30 a.m.
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	Reg.,	May 5, 2.45 p.m.
	Letters,	May 5, 3.30 p.m.
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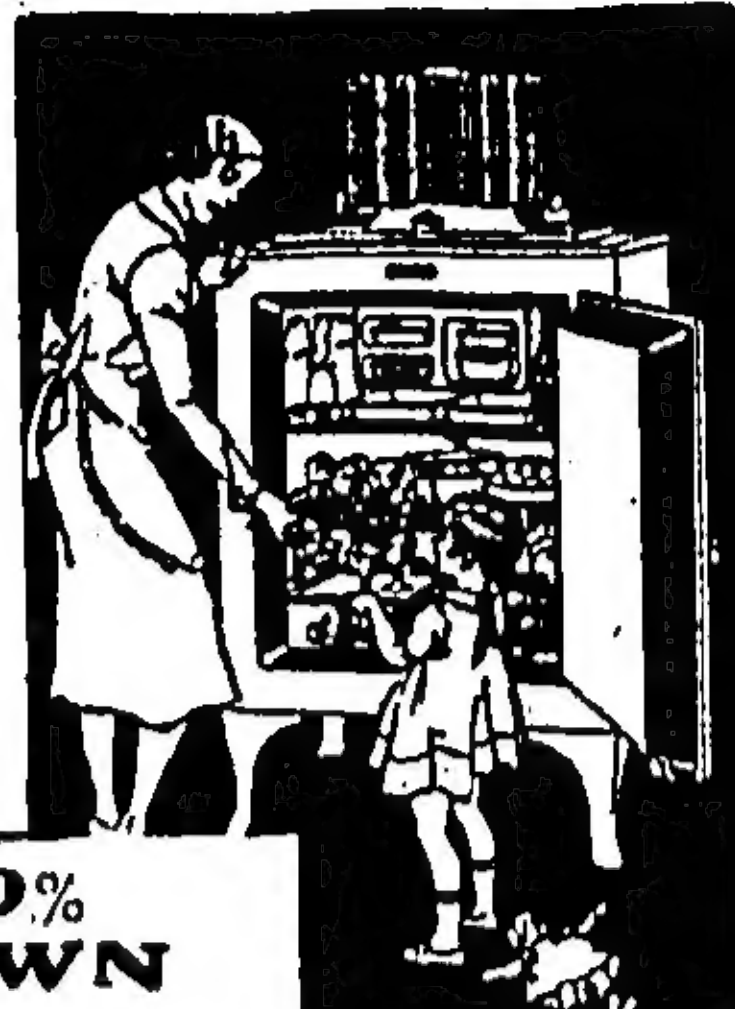
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MEMBERS NEEDED

A renewed determination to pursue the cause of peace, the need for which was well illustrated by several speakers, including Mr. F. C. Mow Fung and Dr. E. L. Allen, emerged from a meeting yesterday at the Helena May Institute of members of the Hongkong Peace Group, open to supporters and the public.

Mr. Mow Fung stated that there was no question more engraving to-day than universal peace, because never before in the history of the world had there been greater need of peace. There was hardly a nation which was not wracked with the fear or suspicion of some other nation, despite the Great War intended to end war. War clouds still hovered above the horizon, and out in the East, they were closely concerned with the terrible doings of recent happenings, in spite of a Disarmament talk which was at the same time being carried on elsewhere. Nervousness and apprehension still remained.

What were the fundamental elements of peace? That was a momentous question. He thought the answer could be summed up briefly by quoting from the second part of the Song of Praise which heralded Christianity 1,900 years ago. "On earth peace: Goodwill to all men."

Goodwill to men, irrespective of race, class or creed. They would remember that this same principle was implied in the words of the great Chinese philosopher, Confucius "Within the four seas, all are brothers."

Dr. Allen's Speech.

Dr. E. L. Allen said in part: We are here to-day to talk about peace and to talk about it as those who are resolved to face the facts. That being the case, there is one question which we cannot avoid asking and trying to answer: "Has the League failed?" I would answer that what we are witnessing to-day is not the failure of the League but its virtual repudiation by the Powers which created it. Faced with the demand that they implement the promises they made, signed, and solemnly pledged themselves to observe, they prefer to write across the face of the Covenant and the Kellogg Pact the words, "Not to be taken seriously!" To adapt words which were used originally in a different connexion, "The League has not been found wanting, it has been found difficult and not tried."

It seems to me that we may have to wait another 100 years or so before we have a clearer case of the open violation of international obligations than has been presented in the last few months. I do not mean that in the dispute between Japan and China, right is all on one side and the other is entirely wrong; I am sure that there is a considerable measure of guilt on each side. But from the beginning we have seen one disputant ready to accept League intervention and to submit its case to consideration by impartial third parties while the other has stubbornly declined to acknowledge any verdict except what it could obtain by its own armed force.

What has happened is that the Powers created at the Peace Conference a body, if not of international law, at least of international obligation, but at the same time held themselves to be above it. The League system is weak because it is a fatal compromise. When the War came to an end, the world was between two forces. There was the liberal sentiment which has President Wilson as its spokesman, demanding a just peace and a warless world. But there was also a great deal of national greed, anxious to consolidate its power and eager for territories, subject populations, money and all the other prizes which were available

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Berlin.....	15.30	15.40
Oslo.....	19.13/10	19 1/2
Helsingfors.....	215	215
Athens.....	30 1/2	Nominal
Buenos Aires.....	1/8.13/32	1/8.7/10
Shanghai.....	8.64	8.66 1/4
New York.....	32	30
Amsterdam.....	8.97 1/2	9.08 1/2
Vienna.....	32	32
Madrid.....	46.9/16	46.18/16
Bucharest.....	612 1/2	605
Hongkong.....	1/3.5/10	1/8 1/2
Stockholm.....	25.95	25.15
Milan.....	70 1/2	71 1/2
Copenhagen.....	18.05	18 1/4
Prague.....	122 1/2	123 1/2
Lisbon.....	110	110
Rio.....	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bombay.....	1/5.15/10	1/5.15/10
Yokohama.....	1/9.8/11	1/9 1/4
Montevideo.....	4.06	4.11
Montreal.....	17	17.1/16
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for distribution. So the League was formed as a compromise between the two, to be at once an association of nations for world-peace and an alliance of the victors to retain the spoils of war.

Double Life Civilisation.

Our civilisation is leading all the while a double life, a sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde existence. On the one hand is the new order which is the ideal aspect of the League, an order of nations co-operating freely and sincerely desirous of living together on a basis of understanding and goodwill; on the other is the old bad system of secret diplomacy, armed alliances, and mass-armaments prepared for an outbreak of mutual slaughter. Everywhere at the present time those who are in power seem to be casting their weight for old system against the new—that is the most disgusting feature of the whole situation.

Blame is Ours.

I have said that the League is weak because the strong nations are determined to keep it weak so that they may possess the earth by their strength. I have said also that the blame is ours, in so far as we want our nation to stand for its own rights and privileges instead of becoming a member in a world-commonwealth. It is an individual responsibility and I want to ask for individual decision. The time has come when we want men and women who will say, "Henceforth I am a citizen first of the world and only thereafter of England or France, China or Japan and so on." "Religion is world-loyalty," said Prof. Whitehead. I believe that the time has come when the only true patriotism is world-loyalty. We must think, speak and act internationally and no longer from within the limits of our separate nationalities.

Peace-Loving Society.

In a discussion which followed, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest said: This Society of Peace-Loving individuals was aroused to activity by the events which Dr. Allen had described. It found that as individuals it could contribute to the realisation of the common aim. It hoped to do work by publicity, propaganda and individual efforts, to interest the public in general, and foster a determination to do all in their power in the cause of peace. The subscriptions, limited to \$2 were intended to assist the Society in its activities rather than for funds. Publicity expenses were usually met from donations by the better-to-do members and sympathisers.

He had taken the secretaryship for the year, and would be pleased to receive the names of subscribers as either "A" or "B" members. Members who made up their minds on the subject fell under the former category, and those who were earnestly considering the subject under the latter. Before closing the meeting, Mr. Forrest called for a vote of thanks to Mr. J. H. Hunt for having taken the chair; this was heartily given.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Banks, \$1500 n.
Chartered Banks, \$11 n.
Mercantile Banks, \$18 1/2 n.
East Asia, \$115 b.
Am. O. Finance Corp., \$20 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1250 n.
Union Ins., \$460 n.
China Underwriters, \$4 n.
China Fires, \$500 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,195 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$27 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$32 n.
Union Waterboats, \$19 1/2 n.

Mining.

China Estates, \$96 3/4 b.
Benguet Exp., 29 cts. b.
Benguet, \$15 1/4 b.
Kailans, 23/0 s.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 2.10 n.
Raub, \$36 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$143, b.
Whampoa Docks, \$20 1/2 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old), \$4.90 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 88 1/2 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 15 n.
Shanghai Cotton, Tls. 75 n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 10 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. Hotels, \$18.15 a. Cum Rts.
H. K. Hotels Rights, \$2.40 n.
H. K. Lands, \$75 b.
Metro Lands, \$10 n.
S'hai Lands, Tls. 24 n.
Humphreys, \$16.50 n.
Asia Realities, "B" \$23 n.
Realities, \$11.40 b.
Asia Realities "A", \$160 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$22.75 b.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.50 n.
Star Ferries, \$30 n.
China Lights, \$21 b.
H. K. Electric, \$73 1/4 b.
Macao Electric, \$24 b.
Telephones, \$38 1/2 n.
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Tractions, 3/- n.

Industrials.

Malabons, \$21 n.
Canton Ice, \$5.05 n.
Cementa (com.), \$18.70 b.
Ropes, \$14.10 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28 n.
Watsons, \$15 n.
Watsons Rights, \$3 1/2 n.
Ver A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$5.80 b.
Mackintosh, \$18 1/4 b. X.Div.
Sinceres, \$17 1/2 n.
Powells, \$3.65 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$22 1/2 n.
Entertainments (old) \$14.25 n.
Constructions (old), \$5.50 b.
Constructions (new), \$1.75 b.
S. C. Enterprises \$10 s.
B. Ind. G. & Bonds, \$58 1/2 n.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs Pen-treath and Co.

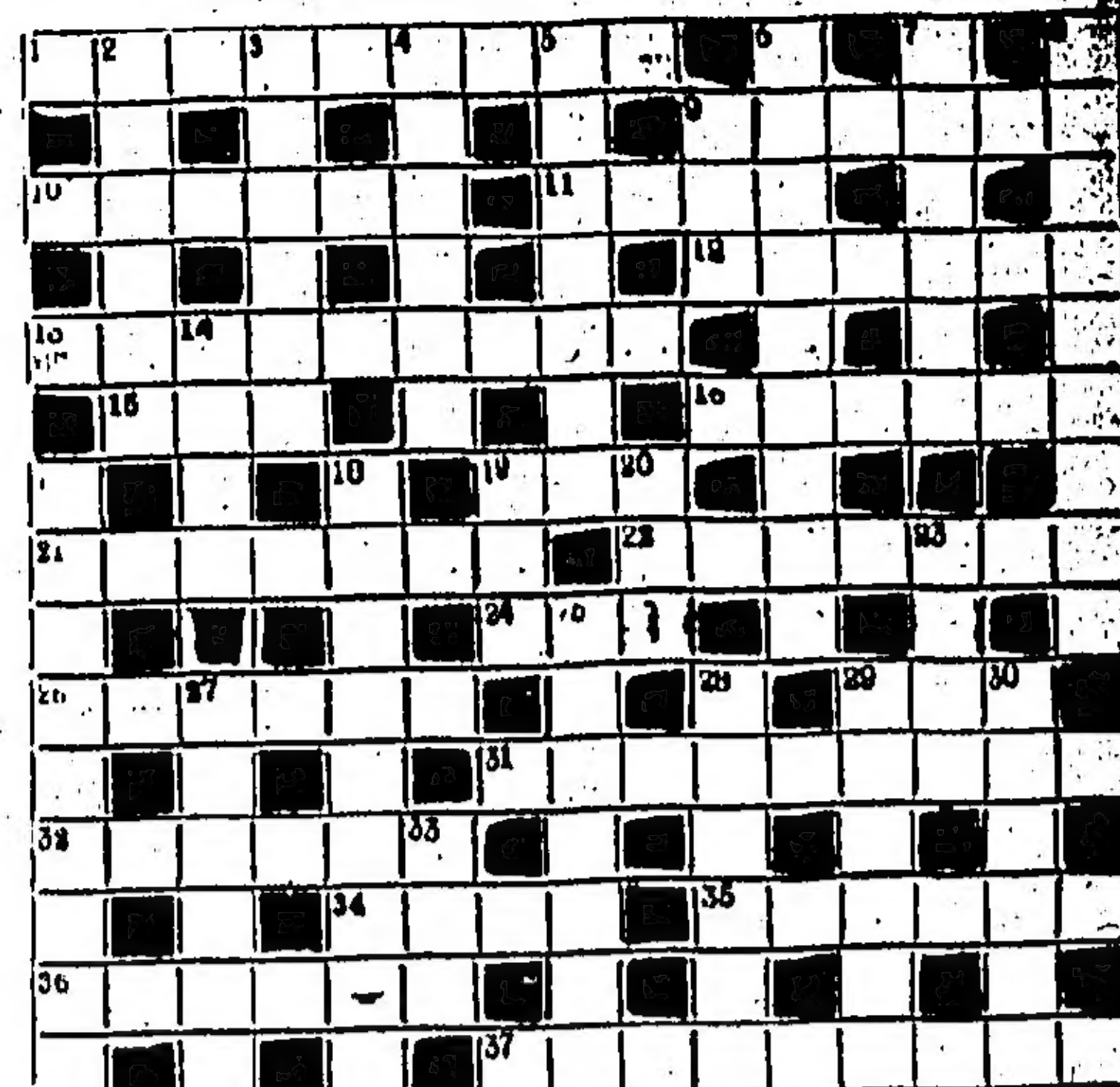
London Terminals.

August 1932 4/9 1/2 down 1/4 d.
December 1932 5/1 1/2 down 1/4 d.
March 1933 5/4 1/2 down 1/4 d.
May 1933 5/6 1/2 no change.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking 1/4-1/2d more.

New York Terminals

May 1932 .58 down 2 pts.
July 1932 .57 down 1 pt.
September 1932 .74 down 1 pt.
December 1932 .81 down 1 pt.
March 1933 .87 down 2 pts.

OLD FASHION CHINESE



- Across
- Get part of his kit from a man and where to find him.
 - A National, and what he might do in the sun.
 - An English King.
 - To run thus speaks as quite all right after the early part of the day.
 - It doesn't require a Layard, Sayce, or Carter to find Thebes here.
 - You'll see scores about the mail in disorder, but it's just a piece of conventional.
 - Laid on in Nagasaki.
 - Not quite so certain.
 - At the end of the square.
 - Begin by suggesting concealment, and it's ugly enough to warrant it.
 - Starts like a duffer, but keeps you cosy.
 - This Dan never came out of Africa.
 - Indeed a puzzle.
 - Explosive.
 - Feature of a fine night, though there's nothing braveny about the sailor.
 - Whence originated "A 1."
 - A palindromic Emperor.
 - Such a place of amusement is a serious fault after a hundred, and in the end there's nothing.
 - Wine.
 - Seen about (anag.).
- Down
- It's refreshing and distinctly nutritive.
 - "What — may come, when we have shuffled off this mortal coil"
 - and later (a trifle changed) suggests what those dry bones do.
 - Smash, involving the fellow who can cap the lot of us.
 - A temporary expedient to fashion a shirt.
 - A little noise that may be narrow.
 - Will "Dora" ever celebrate her 14th?
 - When such police-action loses its head, there's plenty of assistance miserable.
 - Don't applaud so much! It's a stop-entrance.
 - The obstinate phase of a passion.
 - This late is vic.
 - Upshot.
 - Daughter to a Shakespearean King.
 - A town in Wales.
 - Its use may be varied, and then you're!
 - Often returned, though never borrowed.
 - The sort of pen that is not of the fountain type.

Yesterday's Solution.

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V A N G U A R D
Q A C F R E F A X
B U N G L E R O A D
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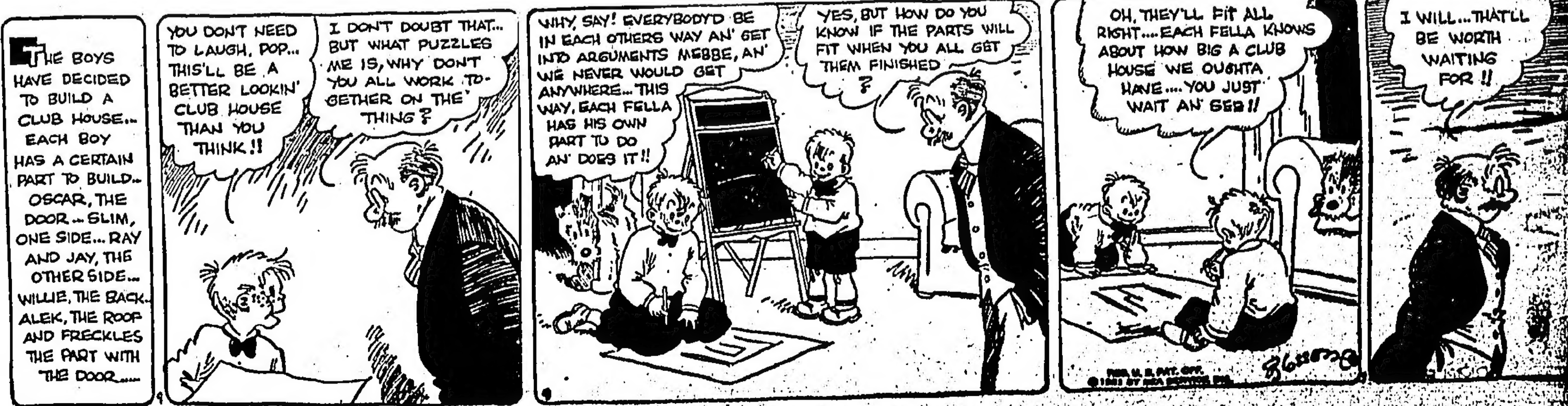
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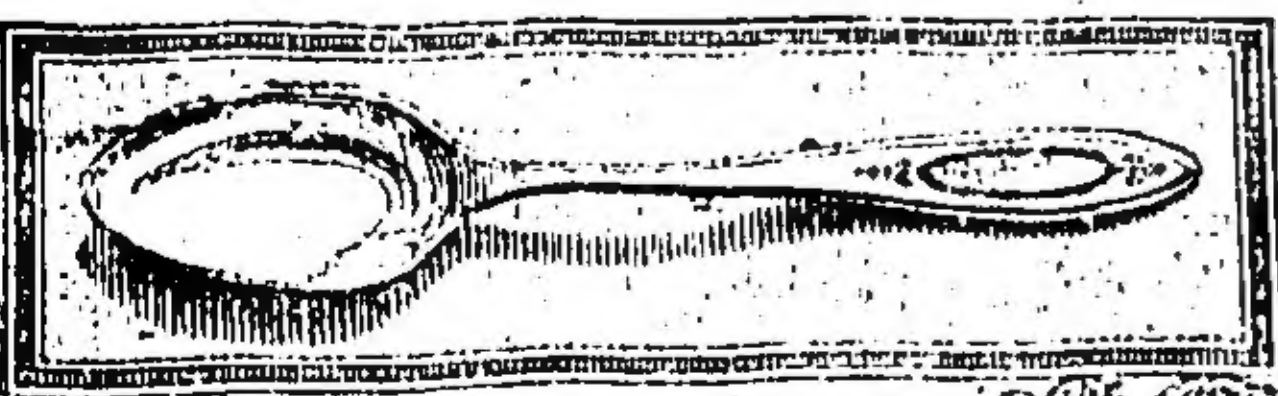
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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1932.

PROPAGANDA NEEDS

The fact that the meningitis epidemic is abating may possibly account for the disinclination of the Sanitary Board, after Tuesday's discussion, to accept Dr. Basto's motion in favour of more effective measures being taken to combat the disease. None the less, we cannot but regret the official attitude on the subject. Dr. Pope rather ridiculed the idea of propaganda being of any value, arguing that the coolie class would not understand it. The obvious answer to that point is that they must be educated up to the laws of hygiene; and how else can that be done except by propaganda? If the ignorance of the public is to be the dominating factor, we might as well cease all attempts to spread knowledge of disease prevention.

Whilst it is true that there is still a great deal to be learned about meningitis, sufficient is known to be able to guide the public along certain elementary lines and thus assist in preventing the scourge from spreading. Thus intensive propaganda, as advocated by Dr. Basto, in the press, by posters and by public lectures, would obviously have a value. Because meningitis, in the present outbreak has not produced anything like the mortality of tuberculosis, Dr. Pope seems to think that too much fuss has been made of the epidemic. What we have to consider, however, is that meningitis is a much more deadly disease and much more sudden in its attack than tuberculosis is. We all know the terrible death-roll from tuberculosis in this Colony, something like fifty deaths a week, but this rate is fairly constant. To even hint that we must wait until meningitis mortality reaches something approaching that figure, before becoming unduly concerned, is absurd. For various reasons, there can be no comparisons between the two complaints. One is a deadly disease, liable to spring up suddenly and develop with amazing rapidity; the other, we have always with us. We are perfectly at one with Dr. Pope when he urges the necessity for housing reform, and are quite prepared to believe that meningitis largely originates in filthy, overcrowded hovels. The same remarks apply, of course, to tuberculosis. But housing reform is a very slow process in Hongkong, and the question arises what we are to do in the meantime. Something, we contend, can be accomplished by propaganda work in those congested city quarters. It may be slow in taking effect, but eventually it would be found to have a cumulative value. In any case, however small the results they would be better than a policy of inaction. Dr. Basto, in the course of his

speech, went even further than merely dealing with the present outbreak of meningitis. He threw out a most useful suggestion by urging the creation of a Health Propaganda Bureau under the auspices of the Sanitary Department. We are convinced that this idea is well worthy of serious consideration by the authorities. By the printed and spoken word, the masses can gradually be taught to learn the underlying principles of good health, thus conducting not only to their own good but to that of the general community as well. For some inexplicable reason, however, the authorities never have taken kindly to health propaganda, and we had the same attitude reflected at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. Maybe it will take an epidemic of unusual proportions to rouse them from their lethargy.

Ottawa and Dublin.

The apadework for the Ottawa Conference is nearly completed and the Governments of the British Commonwealth are now looking expectantly forward to the formal opening. This applies even to our friend, Mr. De Valera, who was prompt in despatching his acceptance of the invitation, getting it in before proceeding with his treaty repudiation campaign, which rather suggests that the Irish President does not know exactly what he does want. However, the conference may save the U. K. Government from some embarrassment in its relations with the Irish Government. The Conference will settle the destinies of the British Empire in general and Mr. De Valera will have to decide whether he has any genuine interest in its labours. The Conference has long been the main theme of discussion in the Dominions and, looking through a pile of cuttings from Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, and South African journals, the spirit of goodwill which animates every pronouncement on the subject is striking. There has been nothing like it since the beginning of the Great War when, to the amazement of the world without and of most of our philosophic Liberals, the Dominions at once proved themselves willing to make any sacrifice of blood and treasure for the preservation of the Imperial Commonwealth. At Ottawa the word "sacrifice" must be strictly tabooed. Mr. J. H. Thomas, for example, who sometimes drops a brick in his well-meaning way, must refrain from any *ad misericordiam* references to the sacrifices British workers are prepared to make. The official programme of this pivotal Imperial gathering is to make business bargains to the mutual advantage of all parties concerned. None the less, if need be, a good deal will be conceded—extra-officially, as it were—to help ensure the future prosperity of the predominant partner. The commercial arrangements proposed will not be discussed by the Dominion representatives in a spirit of commercialism. From the purely commercial point of view, Reciprocity with the United States would always have been advantageous to Canada. Nevertheless, this policy has invariably involved the political suicide of the party leaders who adopted it, however safely entrenched their party seemed to be. Even those citizens of the United States who are well acquainted with "John Canuck" can never understand why it should be so. It is this John Canuck himself, not the Canadian Government, who took the initiative in calling the Ottawa Conference and will represent the senior Dominion in its deliberations. And there will also be present the essential Australian, the essential New Zealander, and the others. It will be a family party, breathing what an overseas journal calls the "ozone of just Imperialism," if the British representatives choose to make it so. If they don't an opportunity will be lost that can never recur; the last of the Sibylline books will have vanished.

The new Rifle Range at Kowloon Tong, presented to the Hong Kong Rifle Club by the Government, and which is now completed and ready for use, was inspected by the President of the Club, Mr. R. M. Dyer, and the members of the Committee, on Tuesday evening, and all were unanimous in their praise of the manner in which the work of construction, under the supervision of Mr. G. Duncan, of the Kowloon Dock Co., had been carried out. The opening day was originally fixed for Saturday, May 7, but has to be postponed until a later date, which will be fixed as soon as possible.

DAY BY DAY

THE TRUE RULE, IN DETERMINING TO EMBRACE OR REJECT, ANYTHING, IS NOT WHETHER IT HAVE ANY EVIL IN IT, BUT WHETHER IT HAVE MORE EVIL THAN GOOD.—Lincoln.

The Empress of Canada arrived at Vancouver on Tuesday at 10 p.m.

The fifty-first ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., (General Agents), on Thursday, May 19, at noon.

Among the passengers sailing for the North by the Blue Funnel steamer Hector to-morrow will be Mr. C. M. McDonald, News Editor of the South China Morning Post, who is proceeding to Peking, where he will act as correspondent for The Times, the South China Morning Post and other newspapers.

When the A.P.C. tanker Murex arrived in Singapore from Hongkong, revenue officers from the harbour division of the Monopolies Department made a search and found 1,645 teals of non-Government opium, valued at \$12,000, hidden in the port side coffee dam, an empty tank between two full tanks.

BRAILOWSKY SECRETS OF HIS CHARM

One of the secrets of Alexander Brailowsky's charm is his extraordinary personality, one of the most irresistibly magnetic personalities to be found among living pianists. He is the epitome of an audience's mental image of what a pianist should be. In a day when successful artists are apt to look more like stock brokers than musicians, he has been aptly characterized "the passionate poet of the piano." Tall, dark, slim, romantically stooped, he has fascinatingly slender hands, hair which falls over a high forehead, a gentle courteous manner combined with a "Chopin-esque aloofness." It is his personality, as much as his great art, that hypnotizes an audience and draws it back again and again to hear him.

He is a great reader and never travels without a portable library, usually of Russian books, with which to beguile the long hours on the train or boat. He speaks French, German, Spanish, and English as well as his native language. His English is exceptionally good. "I learned it originally in London," he says, "where I played a great deal and now I have the chance here every season for a few months to improve it. Though I am still more familiar with the vocabulary of time tables, restaurants, hotels, and concert halls than with your literature!"

Two years ago he bought one of the historic chateaux of France. Last year he sold it because "it was decorative but damp." Instead the restless young man bought three houses, one in Brittany, near St. Malo, one in Compiègne, near Paris, and the third in the Auvergne Mountains. "Homes are like music," he explains, "there must be variety to prevent satiety."

In music Brailowsky prefers the romantics—"Chopin, Schumann, Liszt, but especially Chopin."

Brailowsky is to appear at the King's Theatre to-morrow night at 9.30 p.m.

THE GENTLE CRAFT OF THE GRAPE BRICK

By AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT

WITH the aid of a length of rubber tubing I have just finished syphoning an amber liquid from an oak keg into some three dozen bottles.

The key is labelled "non-alcoholic grape beverage," but a glass of the contents, which I sampled a moment ago with considerable relish, gave that warm glow of comfort which non-alcoholic beverages completely fail to supply.

The physical glow was accompanied by a spiritual glow due to the realization that I was, not breaking any law, but was engaged in an operation encouraged by the Administration of the United States which, always solicitous for rural populations, has even aided the grape growers of California by the grant of a Farm Board loan.

When the keg was delivered to me some three months ago by ordinary express delivery the legend "non-alcoholic" was perfectly accurate. It would have been illegal to transport anything containing more than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol. It would have been illegal had I, of set purpose, manufactured wine from the contents of the keg which I received.

Keeping my mind free from any such intention, I could sit back with perfect legality and watch the hand of God, to use the legal phrase, manifest itself. Two or three days after the keg was delivered the sides of the keg nearly burst. After twenty-four hours the fermentation ceased, leaving a pleasant aromatic smell which itself soon disappeared.

The result is not a vintage wine, it is true. In fact, to be absolutely on the safe side, I must describe it as a non-intoxicating fruit juice. Yet had I been given it to drink in some rural district of the Continent and had I been told that it was the *vin du pays*, I should have lapped it up with the appreciative comments suitable to such occasions. It is certainly a great deal better than the bulk of the *vin ordinaire* sold in the smaller Paris restaurants.

Like every other wine it is, moreover, "non-intoxicating" in fact. That is to say, I can drink it without becoming drunk and am therefore protected by Section 29 of the Volstead Act, which has been interpreted by the courts as permitting the drinking in the home of fruit juices even if they contain more than one-half of one per cent. provided that they are not so strong that a jury would decide they were intoxicating.

I cannot give any to my friends, however, except in any home nor can I sell them any, for I should then be infringing other sections of the Volstead Act, to which the one-half of one per cent. definition of what is an alcoholic beverage applies.

If I had wished to be absolutely certain that the keg's contents did not ferment, I should have been most careful not to place it in an even temperature of not lower than 70 degrees for two months, and then should have been equally careful not to move it to a cool spot for another month. But to have neglected these precautions is not a criminal act.

For a time one particular company with great boldness would send a man to look after the kegs, and bottle the product when ready. It became difficult, however, to maintain that the grape juice was not sold with intent to violate the

prohibition law and the company "voluntarily" abandoned its practice. Henceforth, its customers must buy their grape juice and remain perpetually surprised at the miracle worked upon it when they taste it a few months later. Some people buy not grape juice but concentrated grape bricks. The bricks have the consistency and appearance of home-made fudge. Each brick is dissolved in a gallon of water and care must be taken to drink the produce in less than five days, otherwise there is danger of fermentation.

"The natural ferments of the fresh-grape," says the legend on the cover, "are retained intact and fermentation is only suspended while the bricks remain undiluted."

"When the proper quantity of water is added the ferments are activated and rapidly convert the mixture into a clean, wholesome product. In thirty days these perfectly blended grape bricks will produce finished beverages to satisfy the most discriminating tastes."

To be perfectly frank, however, the product of the grape brick bears somewhat the same relation to the grape juice product as lemonade made from crystals bears to that made from fresh lemons.

The grape juice bought in kegs is also "concentrated" to a certain degree. That is to say, some of the water has been evaporated. According to the advertisements of one firm bacteria hampering the work of micro-organisms which cause fermentation are killed so that the whole process is speeded up. Artificial astring is helped by the addition of charcoal.

Both the grape juice and the grape brick can be purchased in various wine flavours—muscatel, tokay, sauternes, rhine wine, port, claret, burgundy, and also Virginia Dare. This last, apparently the only native American wine, is called after the first white girl born on the soil of the United States.

Virginia was a grand-daughter of John White, despatched by Sir Walter Raleigh to lead his second colonising expedition. She was born on August 18, 1587. In 1591 when White returned from a visit to England he found no trace of his grand-daughter or of the Colony.

What the wine is like which commemorates this tragedy I do not know. I shall be able to describe it better three months from now.

ENGLISH FOIBLES— A FRENCH VIEW

"GENERALLY speaking, one may say that the English say things that they would not write and that the French write things they would not say." (Pretzly)

As a first glimpse of a portrait of ourselves as others see us, this, it must be admitted, invited further inspection. The portrait in question is a book by a Frenchman who knows us thoroughly and who is as generous as he is witty.

Let us make a little collection of his observations. The Englishman's respect for conventions and traditions may, he suggests, be a little out of proportion to the intrinsic worth of the said conventions and traditions. Thus, one Briton would rather be seen playing tennis in braces.

The most horrible of misdeeds, in English eyes, is one that is so difficult of performance as to be rarely or never seen—namely, the eating of peas with a knife. He heard warnings against the attempting of this feat, but has never actually witnessed it.

Menu French
The young Frenchman is begged to resist the temptation to correct the French of the menu, which is more often than not ridiculous and always contains words misspelt.

But he may, without offending his hostess, add salt to his soup and may pass salt and pepper to his neighbour. In France the lady of the house is always a little hurt when she sees attempts at improving a masterpiece.

The law of the survival of the fittest is observed not to apply to cooks in England. A Frenchman judges an hotel by its kitchen, an Englishman judges it by its drama.

Whisky is not natural to the human species, but is an acquired taste. It has inspired great passions, but unlike wine, no poetry.

In English justice it is an elementary principle that the accused is considered innocent until he is proved guilty. "But if he is presumed innocent, why on earth arrest him?" English society is exclusive, yet not absolutely so, as is shown by a letter from a woman to a friend:

"Poor Mr. X is dead. He was a most kindly man and a great help to us in many ways. Of course, poor dear, he was quite vulgar, so we could not know him (Continued on Page 8.)"



"He would have been in better shape for that party to-night, if you hadn't taken him to the movies this afternoon."

GLOUCESTER BUILDING

OPENING ON MONDAY NEXT

ARTISTIC PUBLIC ROOMS

When it opens on Monday next, Gloucester Building Apartments will offer to residents one of the most attractive restaurants and private bars in Hongkong. With its many amenities and artistic decorative scheme, it will no doubt become most popular with those who wish to dine and wine amid pleasant surroundings.

Situated on the eighth floor of the huge building, where it commands a magnificent view of the harbour and the city, the restaurant is on the right of the lifts. It is a spacious room, bordered on the one side by a wide verandah which is to be used as a "sitting-out" rendezvous, complete with luxurious modern furniture.

PALE GREEN MOTIF.

The general decorative scheme includes plaster motifs in pale green, while sprayed bronze centres add to the attractiveness of the design. The lighting effects are completely up-to-date. The ceiling is in fawn, with panels in a delicate shade of fawn, and pale green borders. The plaster mounts are in pale green. The floor, which is highly polished, is also semi-aprune, and will offer an ideal place for dancing.

The kitchen is the last word in modernity, with special attention paid to absolute cleanliness. It is installed with the latest utensils and cookers, as well as a 4-ton freezing plant and an ice-cube making box.

OLD ENGLISH BAR.

The private bar, on the left of the lifts, is decorated in typical old English style, complete with rafters and beautifully paneled walls, all in polished teakwood. The room occupies the whole of the corner of the building overlooking Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road, while from it runs a wide verandah, which will be used for sitting-out, in the summer months. The artistic design of this part of the building is an outstanding feature.

On the floors below are residential rooms, nicely fitted out, each with its own bathroom and modern conveniences. There are single rooms and suites and the former have been so arranged that two or three can be converted into a suite if desired.

The whole of the decorative work has been carried out by Arts and Crafts, Ltd.

HUT FOR GIRL GUIDES

BRIDGE & MAH JONGG PARTY

About 300 ladies were present at a Bridge and Mah-Jongg party held yesterday afternoon at the Lusitano Club with the object of raising funds for a Headquarters Hut for the Girl Guides. Mrs. C. A. da Rosa gave away the prizes, after which she was presented with a bouquet by little Marie Silva.

The following were the prize-winners:—
Contract Bridge:—Winner, Mrs. Grossman; Hidden No., Mrs. Rofsey; Booby Prize, Miss Jean Lyons.

Auction Bridge:—Winner, Mrs. Stearns; Hidden No., Mrs. Sutton; Booby Prize, Mrs. Donald Forbes.
Mah-Jongg:—Winner, Mrs. Jano; Hidden No., Mrs. Jex; Booby prize, Mrs. Tobias.
Raffles:—1st prize: No. 1565 ("Nudist"); 2nd prize: No. 988 (Dr. Bunje); 3rd prize: No. 645 (A. M. Bowes-Smith); 4th prize: No. 2347 (Mrs. Dunbar).

U.S. BASEBALL

LEAGUE LEADERSHIP CHANGES

New York, Apr. 27.
Chicago in the National and New York in the American take the lead to-day as the result of matches played as follows:

National League.	
Cincinnati	6
St. Louis	4
American League.	
Chicago	8
Pittsburgh	4
Detroit	
Chicago	3
St. Louis	
Cleveland	7

—Reuter.

Sneaking into the cabin of Sub-Lieut. G. R. Carver whilst the officer was resting yesterday afternoon, an unemployed Chinese stole from a table \$3.32 in money but the owner, who was not asleep as the man had thought, promptly arrested the intruder. On being brought before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning the man was sentenced to one month's hard labour on the larceny charge and fined \$10 or ten days' imprisonment for trespassing.

TEN STROKES FOR HOPE THAT TURNED LAD

MOTHER REQUESTS MORE

The case of a perverso lad who would not behave himself, was presented in the light of a problem to Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court to-day.

The boy, aged 15, was charged with the unlawful possession of a fountain pen and a pencil believed by the police to have been stolen, from the fact that he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation among the many different versions he told a detective.

Although no official record was forthcoming of a previous misdemeanour—it was stated that the finger-prints may have been lost—the mother of the culprit vouched for the fact that last year, in December, he had committed a somewhat like offence, and was given a whipping.

She further volunteered the statement that although work had been provided for him, he would go out gallivanting, and come home in the evening minus his shoes and socks, or other wearing apparel that would have otherwise made him a respectable-looking citizen.

"I can do nothing with him," she declared to the Magistrate. His Worship (to the lad):—Look here, I am going to give you a beating this time. You have started a dangerous line of life, and I want you to give it up altogether. You will end up spending a long time in gaol if you are not careful.

The mother:—The last time he got 12 strokes he stayed away from home for days. When he finally returned, he was in a worse looking condition than before.

His Worship:—He will be arrested if he does not return this time. He takes ten strokes now, to make him remember that some more are coming to him by-and-by.

The mother: Give him more! His Worship responded to the appeal by enjoining on the official carrying out the sentence to "be sure to make em good ones."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

With the exception of cements, which appear to be receiving strong support, and one or two other counters, the rest of the list shows little animation. On the other hand, buyers are readily found on any recession in the investment section.

Sales.
Kailan Mining Ad 25/6
Providents (New) \$2.35
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Providents (Old) \$4.50
Providents (New) \$2.30
Hongkong Land \$16
Hongkong Realities \$11.60
Chinese Estates \$96 1/2
Hongkong Trams \$21 1/2
Yamatui Ferries \$34 1/2 X. Div.
China Lights (Old) \$21
Hongkong Electric \$73 1/2
Macao Electric \$24
Telephones (P.F.) \$24
Cements (Combined) \$18.70
Lane, Crawford's (Old) \$5.80
Mackintoshes \$18 X. Div.
Constructions (Old) \$5 1/2
Constructions (New) \$1 1/2
Govt. Loans \$4 1/2 Premium.
South China Motors "B" \$12
Hongkong Trams \$22 1/2
South China Enterprises \$9

YOUNG WIFE OVERBOARD

LINER MYSTERY

How a London woman disappeared during a dance on the Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Richmond, 20,000 tons, was revealed recently after an interval of three weeks.

When the liner arrived at Southampton from the Mediterranean, it was disclosed that after the vessel left Southampton on March 12, Mrs. A. N. M. Andrews, aged 34, of Chillingham-road, Tooting, was lost overboard.

Her fall was seen by passengers on the promenade deck after dinner and during a dance, and lifebelts were thrown into the sea, and the ship was put about. Although the vessel cruised in the vicinity for an hour, nothing was seen of Mrs. Andrews, and the voyage was continued.

Mr. R. S. Andrews, who was accompanying his wife, requested the captain not to broadcast news of the affair in order that his son and daughter at home should remain in ignorance of their mother's fate until his return.

CHINESE TRADE EXHIBITION.

RECOMMENDATION TO CHAMBER MEETING

A recommendation for the establishment of an international products fair of a permanent nature at the premises of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was suggested by Mr. Tze-chung of the Bank of Canton, at the monthly meeting yesterday afternoon of this Chamber, at which Mr. Wong Kwong-tin presided and was supported by the Secretary, Mr. Leo Wen-kam.

Mr. Li Tze-chung said that the exhibition would provide an unprecedented opportunity for the manufacturers of Chinese products to obtain new business connections with representatives of firms abroad, and meanwhile it would furnish closer cooperation between distributors and manufacturers. By exhibiting foreign products of a similar nature to the native products the comparison would encourage improvement in the Chinese methods while simultaneously the representatives of foreign firms desirous of obtaining an idea of the Chinese products in the New Territories and Hongkong could reach their objects by going to this fair.

The Export Business.
Regretting the falling off in the amount of Chinese exports abroad, as due to the slackness and lack of modern management among the Chinese manufacturers, the speaker mentioned the British Government's recent announcement of preference to British and Dominion products which, he said, included goods manufactured in Hongkong, as an opportunity for the Chinese to improve their export business. Reference was also made of the organization of the Empire Products Fair in Kowloon as an example which should be followed by the Chinese merchants.

Other members participated in the discussion and they generally agreed with Mr. Li's recommendation for the Chamber to take the lead in organizing the fair, which should exhibit the latest native products and also foreign goods. One member pointed out that the organization of the fair would bring the Chamber in closer relation with the Chinese manufacturers and guilds which desired to push their trade.

The meeting subsequently elected a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Li Tze-chung, Mok Ying-kwai, Wong Tong, Cheung Kat-shing, Shin Pui-kwan, Lai Yam-shuen, Ma Man-tel, Kwok Chuen, Choy Cheong, and Leung Yew-chu to work up a general plan for the organization of the fair.

THE PIECE GOODS DISPUTE.

CHINESE DEALERS GIVE THEIR VIEWS

Presenting the Chinese dealers' views concerning the demand for a revision of the old piece goods contract between them and the local importers, the Chinese Piece Goods Guild of Hongkong has issued a new and lengthy statement in which the Guild makes an attempt to offer substantial explanations for the various reasons which encouraged the dealers to present their demand to the importers. A free translation of part of the statement appears below.

Stressing the necessity for their buying for "arrival" instead of for "shipment", the Guild says that piece goods are booked for periodical and seasonal demands to be sent from England and elsewhere to Hongkong by different consignments to meet the dealers' anticipated demands from the market at different times of the year. A delay in the arrival of the consignments may mean a colossal loss to the dealers on account of the falling in demand in the market when certain months of the year have elapsed. The Guild goes on to cite cases in which delay in arrival has led to protracted negotiations between dealers and importers, with detrimental results to the former.

Percentage for Interest.
Referring to the fixing of the six per cent. to cover the interest, godown, insurance and other charges, the Guild explains that nine per cent. was fixed in 1922, when the banking interest was much higher than it is to-day. As the six per cent. interest is paid to cover the period from the date of clearance until delivery, it is considered logical that in case the buyer should pay for and take delivery of the goods before the date of clearance, the seller should allow a like percentage to the buyer for the unexpired period.

Relief of Obligations.
Commenting in their suggestion in the new contract for relief from their obligations in the event of a strike, riot, boycott, war, civil commotion or other hostilities, provided that they can produce a certificate issued by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce or other representative body of merchants in or nearest to the district affected, the Guild makes it clear that similar concessions and privileges have for years been granted to the importers in the old contract at times of unforeseen occurrences in the producing country.

The Guild deems it fair therefore, for both sides, that similar privileges should be extended to the dealers in their acceptance of the goods. The Guild cites the attitude maintained by the importers during the strike and boycott period in 1922, when the Chinese dealers were asked to take delivery of their goods and to pay for the interest, godown, insurance fees etc. despite the suspension of shipping facilities between Hongkong and Kwangtung.

Therefore the Guild recommends that the dealers should be exempted

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Dammation of Faust—While You Play at Sleeping (Berlioz)
Marsel Journal (Bass). 1123.
6.30-6.55 p.m. Orchestral.
The Rose (arr. Myddleton)
The London Palladium Orchestra. C2061.
Minuet (Boccherini)
18th Century Dance (Josef Haydn). Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. 7256.
Nautical Moments (arr. Winter). The London Palladium Orchestra. C1854.
7 p.m. (Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.)
6.55-7.30 p.m. A Concert.
Piano Solo—Shepherd's Hey (Granger)
Piano Solo—Passepied (Debussy). Ossip Gabrilowitch. 1095.
Song—Serenade (Schubert)
Song—Calm As The Night (Bohm). Louise Homer (Contralto). 6709.
Violin Solo—Fragrant Serenade (Lehar-Kreisler)
Violin Solo—Kreiser Serenade (Lehar)
Fritz Kreisler. 1158.
Song—The Irish Emigrant (Dufferin-Barker)
Song—By the Short Cut to the Roses (Hopper-Fox)
John McCormack (Tenor). 1628.
String Solo—Minuet in a G (Beethoven).
String Bass Solo—Valse Miniature (Koussevitzky).
Serge Koussevitzky. 1476.
7.30-8 p.m. Variety.
Humorous Song—Take a Look at Mine. Gracie Fields. B2905.
Humorous Monologue—The Story of William Tell. Henry Burbig. 22695.
Piano Solo—Wake Up And Dream—Medley. Carroll Gibbons. B3031.
Song—Concentration! Mildred Bailey (Comedienne). 22880.
Vocal Trio—In the Cumberland Mountains. Bud and Joe Billings and Carson Robison. 22852.
Piano Solo—She's Funny That Way. Carroll Gibbons. B3031.
Humorous Song—Hot Pot. Gracie Fields. B3008.
8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.
8.30-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.
10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.33 p.m. Close Down.
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from payment of the six per cent. above mentioned, for such period as they may be impeded or prevented from performing their part of the contract by reason of flood, fire, etc.

Touching on the appointment of arbitrators to settle disputes, the Guild argues that they demand that arbitrators should be appointed one by each side, because the dealers in the past have sustained losses when the goods failed to comply with the standard of the quality or colour shown in the samples. The Guild points out that throughout the long period of business between the importers and the Chinese dealers there have been only three occasions on which goods had to be rejected to the importers. These were, therefore, but rare occasions.

Old Question Revived.
The Guild furthermore says that their insistence on the appointment of a Chinese arbitrator is only a revival of an old recommendation which they made in 1922, when the old contract was worked out between the importers, dealers and the Manchester producers, when it was then suggested that the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce should be represented as arbitrator in a dispute. The matter was subsequently dropped in 1922.

The Guild also objects to one clause of the old contract which stipulates that any goods not taken delivery of within the time specified shall remain at buyers' risk, excluding fire insurance and such risks as may be caused by negligence on the part of the sellers. The Guild adds that as the dealers have paid the nine per cent. interest the sellers should assume risks during that period.

The Guild concludes by saying that the suggestion to adhere to the Chinese text of the contract, in the event of a dispute, is made because the dealers want a safeguard against the insertion of additional clauses in the contract, and if an insertion is made the dealers wish that such should be written in both Chinese and English, which should be chopped by the dealers as well as the importers.

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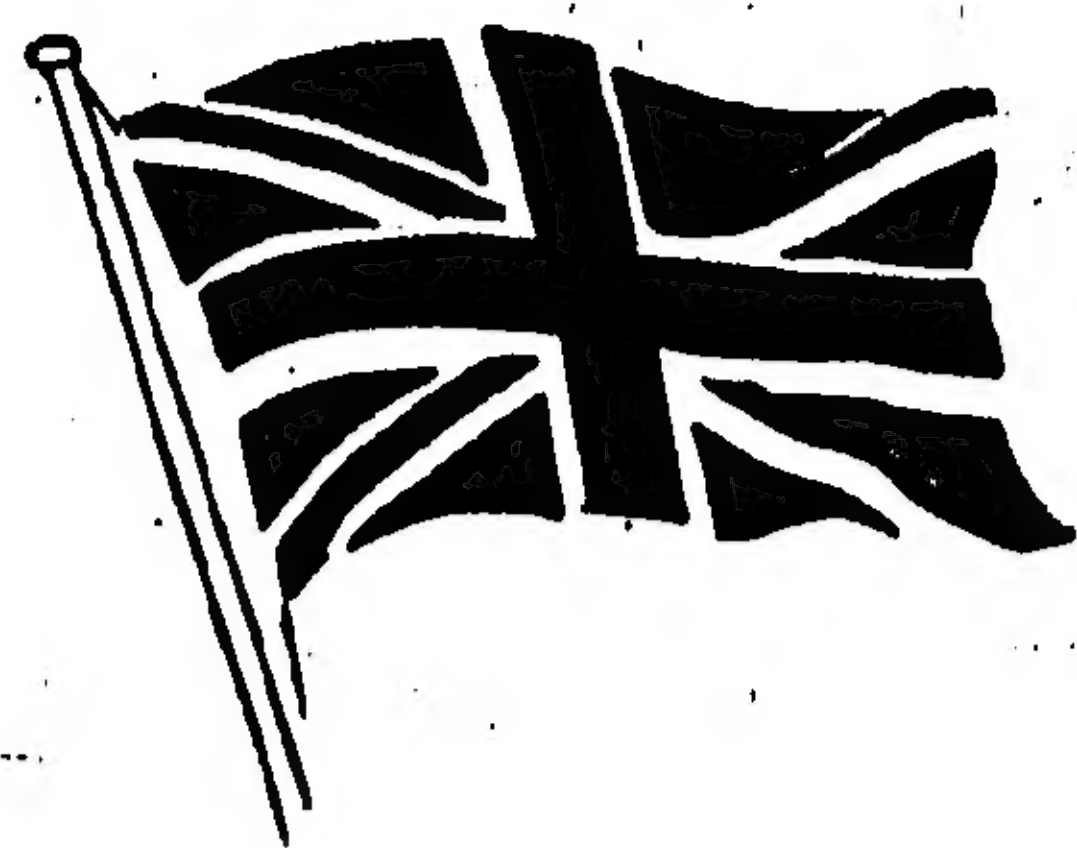
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ROWING CONTEST.

12th BATTERY WINS R. A. ROWING CUP

The boat race for the Royal Artillery Rowing Cup was contested yesterday in ideal conditions, though the harbour was a bit choppy. The race is confined to the Artillery, and the 12th, 31st, and 20th Batteries entered two boats each.

The course was over a distance of two thousand yards. The boats all got off to an excellent start, and for the first three hundred yards or so were all bunched together. Gradually, however, three boats, Nos. 14 (20th), 13 (12th) and 12 (12th B crew) shot to the fore.

About half way through, these three boats were all level, and fighting a great race. It seemed to be anyone's but, nearing the finishing point, No. 13 was seen to be overtaking No. 14, while No. 12 dropped back a bit. Eventually No. 13 won by about a boat's length from No. 14, and No. 12 was a boat's length behind No. 14.

No. 13 boat was rowed by men from the 12th Battery; No. 14 by the 20th Battery and No. 12 by the B crew of the 12th Battery.

The time taken for the race was 10 minutes 7 secs. This is the second year in succession that the 12th Battery has won the race.

At the conclusion, Mrs. K. F. Dunsterville presented the Cup and prizes to the winning crew at the Yacht Club.

Battery.	Boat No.
1.—12th. Battery (A crew)	13
2.—20th. " (A crew)	14
3.—12th. " (B crew)	12
4.—31st. " (A crew)	5
5.—20th. " (B crew)	11
6.—31st. " (B crew)	6

SERVICE FOOTBALL.

KENT BEAT CORNWALL IN SEMI-FINAL

Playing in the semi-final of the United Services football senior competition, the Kent beat the Cornwall by three clear goals yesterday. The line out was as under:

Kent.—Longley, Little and Frame; Schofield, Greenland and McLean; Flindall, Hills, Stephenson, Haywood and Green.

Cornwall.—Botterill; Baker and Smith; Davey, Tugwell and Sturdivant; Rogers, Coxon, Hanson, Partington and Stevens.

H. M. S. Kent won by three goals to nil.

The final match in the senior competition between H.M.S. Kent and the Royal Artillery will be played on the Club ground to-morrow, kick off at 4.30 p.m.

MAMAK HOCKEY.

The match between the Incognitos and St. Andrew's in the Mamak Tournament arranged for yesterday was cancelled, as the

LOCAL FOOTBALL

PLAY-OFF FOR THE RUNNERS-UP

KOWLOON V. S.W.B.

The League Management Committee of the H.K. F. A. have decided that the play-off, Runners-Up of the First Division of the League, Kowloon V. S.W.B., will take place on the Hongkong Football Club ground on Saturday April 30th. Kick off at 5 p.m. sharp. Extra Time will be played if necessary. The Referee will be Sargt. Cuawell and the Linesmen: S. M. Fieldhouse R. A. and R.P.O. Darlington.

At the conclusion of this match trophies and replicas will be presented to the winning teams in each division. Representatives from the R.N., S.W.B., Argyls, and R.A.F. should be present to receive their cups.

Points have been awarded to the first-named teams:—

1st Division.—Navy v St. Joseph's.
2nd Division.—12th Batt., R.A. v. H.K. Club. Navy v. University (two matches.) Argyls v. University, and 12th Batt. v. University.

3rd Division.—R.E. v St. Joseph's.
The League Management Committee also decided that the records of the Argyls in the First Division of the League be expunged from the table.

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

HOCKEY CLUB V R.A.O.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team v. R.A.O.C. at Club Ground, King's Park, on Friday, April 29, at 5.15 p.m.:

E. S. Moses, H. G. D. Lowe, F. W. Allen, J. E. Potter, E. G. Dale, H. Owen-Davies, R. W. Sapsed, (Captain), W. A. Nowers, S. Hill, A. N. Other, G. F. Rees.

Club v. Argyls.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club 2nd XI against the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders on the Club Ground on Monday at 5.20 p.m.:—E. S. Moses, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan, H. J. D. Lowe, E. G. S. Dale, J. E. Potter, L. D. Kilbee, S. J. H. Fox, W. A. Nowers, W. E. Williams and E. C. Fincher.

Incognitos could not field a complete team. They have since conceded a walk-over to St. Andrew's, thus assuring the runners up position in the tournament to the Central British Association.

SPRING RACING.

ORWELL CAPTURES THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

London, Apr. 27.
The first day of the Spring meeting at Newmarket was held to-day, the chief event being the three-year-old classic, the Two Thousand Guineas. The race resulted:

Orwell 1
Dastur 2
Hesperus 3

Betting: Evens Orwell, 10/1 Dastur, 25/1 Hesperus.
There were 11 starters. Won by two lengths with a length and a half between second and third.

The Spring Two-Year-Old, which was also decided resulted:

Sunny Anna 1
Lady Hurry Filly 2
Tartan 3

Betting: 9/4 Lady Hurry Filly, 4/1 Sunny Anna, 8/1 Tartan.

There were 12 starters. Won by half a length with three lengths between second and third.—Reuter.

ENGLISH FOIBLES A FRENCH VIEW

(Continued from Page 6.)

In London, but we shall meet in Heaven, no doubt."

The youthful Frenchman is warned of the unutterable repugnance felt in England for detachable starched cuffs. The reason for their prejudice? Well, they seem calculated to give the impression that the wearer's shirt is fresher than it really is. The practice of wearing them is akin to that of the green-grocer whose biggest strawberries are at the top of the basket.

"Am I, then, to conclude from their horror for the detachable starched cuff an equal horror for the detachable starched collar?"

"Not at all; you are to conclude nothing."

The English declare "Britons never shall be slaves," but set it to music to show that it is only a song.

"In England people try to do themselves as well as possible; in France as economically as possible."

Everyone knows that Frenchmen exaggerate and that Englishmen incline to understate the case.

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VEHICULAR FERRY

PROJECT DISCUSSED BY COMPANY CHAIRMAN

The eighth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company was held at the China Restaurant, Des Voeux Road Central, yesterday, and, as expected, was well attended, over 160 shareholders being present.

Mr. Lo Chung-kue, the Chairman of the Board, presided and was supported by Messrs. Kwok Chun, Wong Hing-suen, Chan Kam-yung, Wong Choy-hoo, Choy Wai-hung and Li Yick-mui, (directors).

The Chairman referred to the untimely death of Mr. Lau King-cho, one of the Managing Directors of the Company and extended the sympathy of the shareholders to the relatives.

In proposing the adoption of the balance sheet, the Chairman stated that 1931 had been an eventful year in the history of the Company.

Although the net earnings for the year were very satisfactory, he regretted that there was a considerable loss on the running of the Kowloon City and Shaukiwan Services.

The value of the fleet of ferry vessels had been written down to well below the market value whilst ample provision had been made as regards the Typhoon and Accident Fund.

Share Values Jump.

During the year under review the value of the Company's shares on the stock exchanges rose by leaps and bounds, one of the reasons for this being the awarding of the vehicular and passenger ferry license between Hongkong and Gordon Road, Mongkok and Shamshuipo to this Company for a term of 15 years by the Government. The tenders for this services were submitted on the 4th January this year. The Board of Directors entrusted the actual work to the Managing Director Mr. Lau Tak-po, Dr. Kwan Sum-yin and Mr. Lo Chung-kue. The tender was submitted after a very careful review of the Company's progress during the past eight years, the receipts and earnings, and I am glad to say our efforts and your trust in us were duly rewarded.

In order to carry out the terms of our tender your Board of Directors have placed an order with the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company Limited for the construction of three combined Vehicular and Passenger Ferry Vessels at the cost of \$597,000 each making together a total sum of 1,791,000. These vessels to be built and ready for service by 1st January, 1933. During the working year delivery was taken of the two big steel double ended ferry vessels built for this Company by Messrs. Kwong Fook Cheung. The Vessels being named the "Man To" and "Man Wei".

New Capital.
In accordance with the resolution passed at the General Meeting on the 30th June 1931, the Board of Directors (as soon as they had been informed by the Government that the Company's tender had been accepted) issued 20,000 new shares for subscription amongst the Company's shareholders in the proportion of one share to two old shares at \$20 each (\$10 being premium). These new shares are being rapidly taken up, and the shareholders are reminded that all subscriptions must be paid to the Company's Bankers by the 30th April 1932.

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Mr. So Tse Pan in seconding the adoption of the Balance sheet, congratulated the Directors, and

the Balance sheet was passed unanimously.

Mr. Lau Tak Po proposed that Messrs. Lo Chung Kue and Kwan Sum Yin be re-elected Directors for the year 1932 without the usual ballot.

Mr. Chan Kwan Ting in seconding, paid sterling tribute to the services of these shareholders, and the resolution was passed without dissent.

On the proposal of Mr. Lau Tak Po, seconded by Mr. Lau Yin Chuen, Mr. Li Tung was re-elected as Auditor.

In terminating the meeting the Chairman announced that the Dividends would be ready for payment at the Company's offices to-day.

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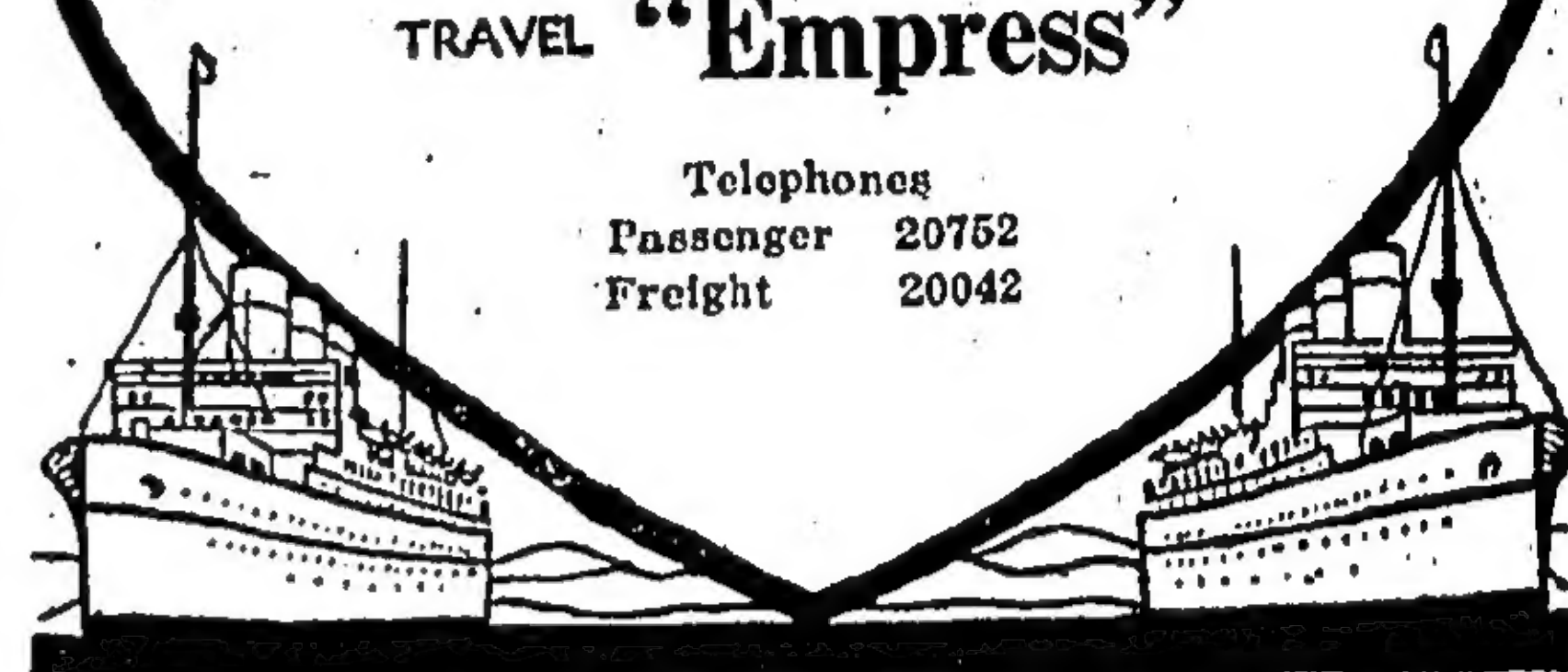
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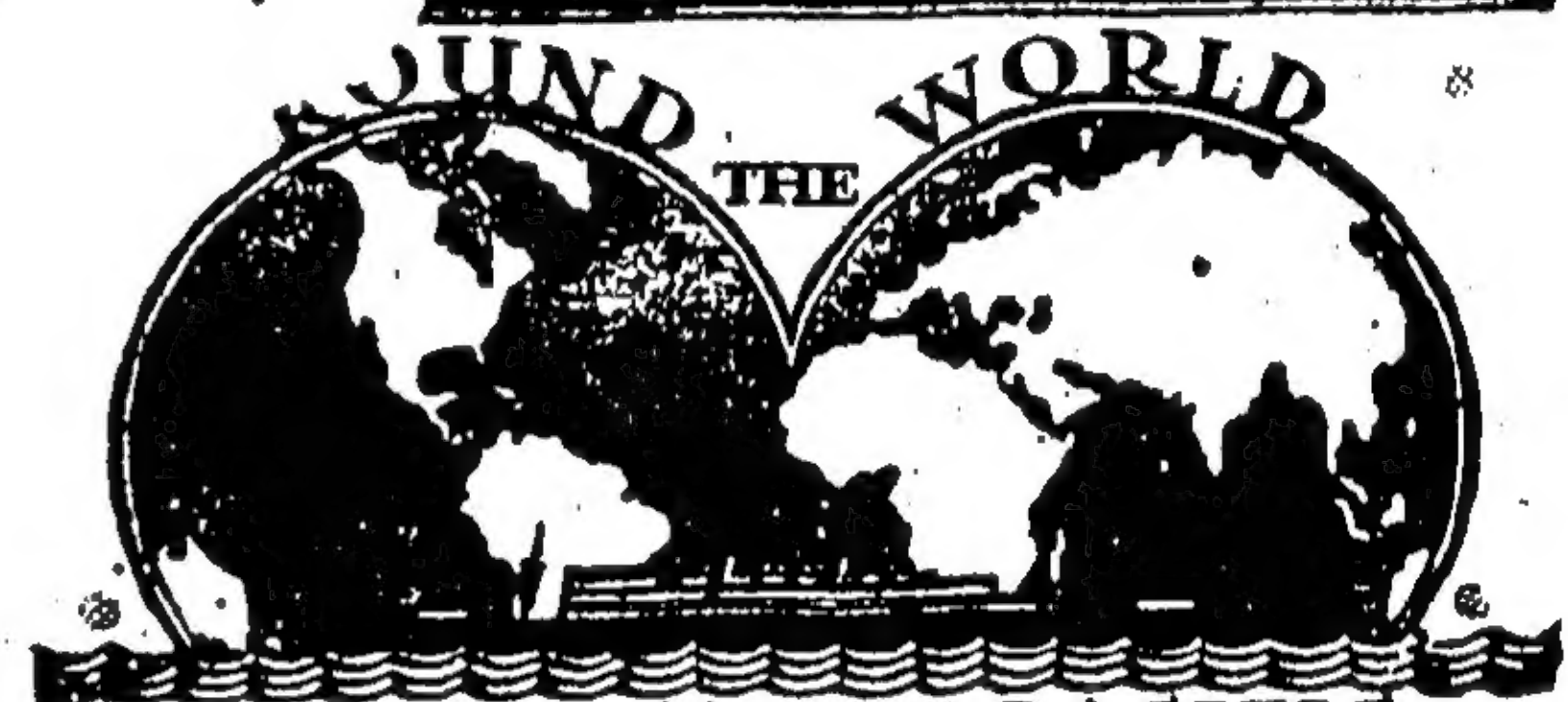
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"Why should I have guessed?" she asked in a trembling voice.

"I intended to wait," he went on. "Perhaps it would have been better to wait but I cannot—I cannot. Let me give you the lovely things of life, my dear. Let me prove to you that some of them may be true."

It occurred to him, even as he was speaking, that she might misunderstand him. So he said bluntly, "I want you to marry me."

Ellen tried to speak but he stopped her.

"Don't answer. I don't want your answer until you hear many things you should hear. You must first see the drawbacks and they are many. For one thing I'm years older than you. I've done all the things you have never done and probably long to do, and, I've found many of them tiresome and boring. For another—there's that unfortunate divorce of mine—"

"Don't go on please," she begged.

"You mean there is no use going on? You mean that there is someone else?"

He attempted to make his tone light, but anguish gripped him and he turned away. He had not known until then how she could make him suffer, a young girl of whose very existence he had been unaware two weeks before.

"No, I don't mean that exactly," Ellen said jerkily. "I'm not engaged to anyone if that's what you're asking."

At the moment she was too confused to know clearly what she was saying. How easy everything would be if only she could say the one word! Her mother and Mike and Myra—what things she could do for them as Mrs. Steven Barclay.

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Mr. Lee Wen-kam, the Secretary, told the meeting that sometime ago a Hongkong firm, Messrs. Kwong Tat-yuen, a dealer in foreign paper, complained to the Chamber about a consignment of paper being seized on its arrival in Canton. The firm contended that the paper was not Japanese in origin. Following this protest the Chamber communicated with the Canton authorities and explained the whole affair.

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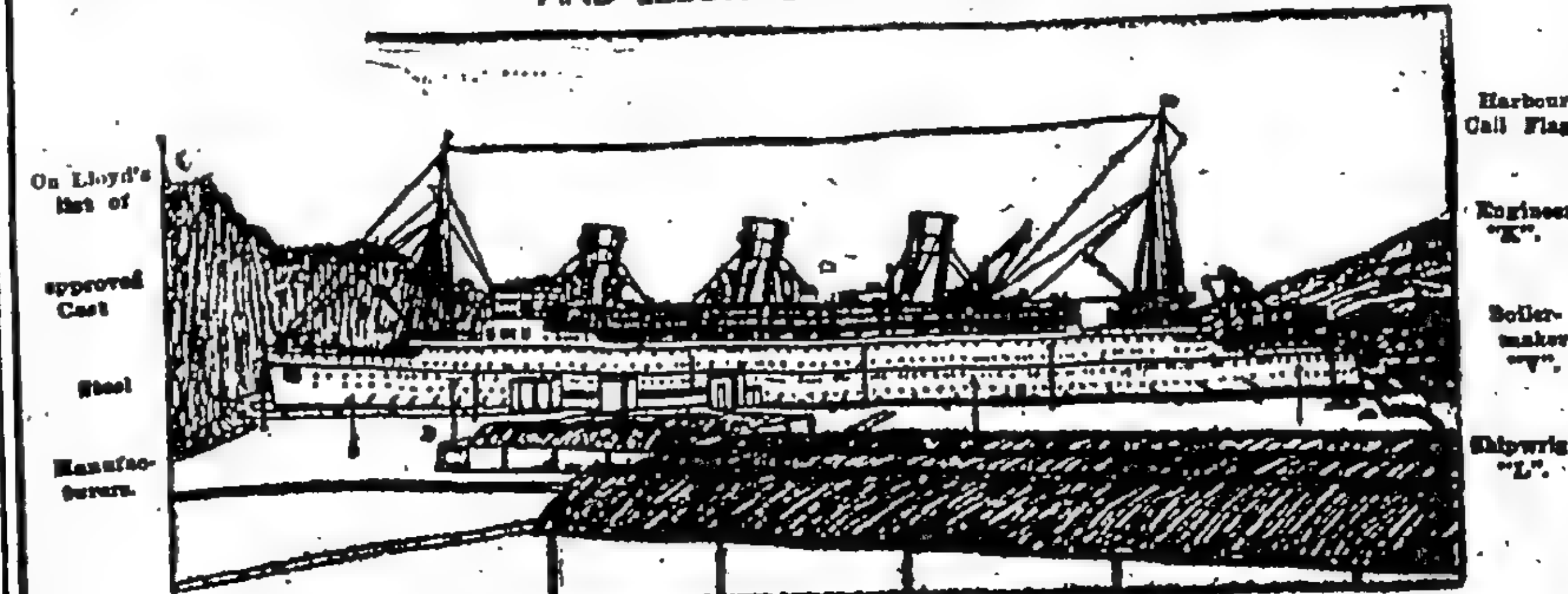
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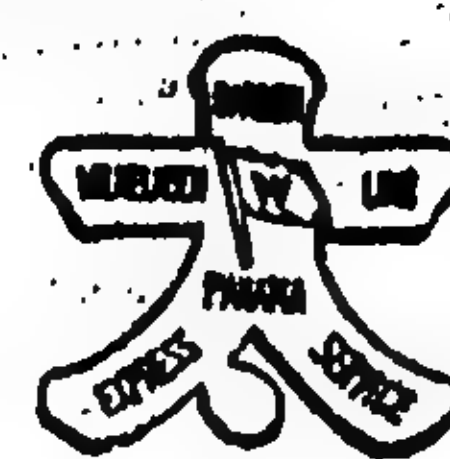
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As a mark of their appreciation for the manner in which he did his work, and as a testimony to his popularity, the Indian staff at the gaol entertained the retiring warden at a tea party in Lane, Crawford's restaurant yesterday afternoon.

After the refreshments had been served, the Superintendent of Prisons, Mr. J. W. Franks, who presided, addressed the gathering. Mr. Franks said: "This is the first time so far as I know in the history of the Prison Service in this Colony that members of the staff have gathered together for the purpose of honouring a retiring Indian Officer. During my service many worthy Indian officers have left the department—some on retirement, others on medical grounds, but this is the only occasion on which the Indian staff has applied to have what is something in the nature of an official send off, and I am very pleased that they have so decided to honour their Chief, Golam Mustafa."

"C. I. W. Golam Mustafa has had a long and honourable career in the service of the Government of Hongkong. He joined the police as a constable over 36 years ago and was transferred to the prison department one and a half years later. Since that time, 1897, he has steadily climbed the ladder of promotion until in 1927 he was appointed to the highest position this service has to offer—his present rank. His career should be an incentive to young Indian officers. When he joined the service his knowledge of English and Chinese was no greater than that of the latest joined recruit but by hard work and application he made himself so conversant with both languages that he now speaks and writes English fluently, and his Cantonese is so good that I have occasionally had to ask him to interpret when a young official interpreter has failed to grasp a prisoner's meaning, and I have failed to grasp the interpreter's translation."

Advice to Officers.

"I hope you will bear with me in referring to these matters. I do so to impress upon the young Indian officers the importance of studying while they are still young so that they may be qualified educationally for the higher posts when their turn comes. Of course education, although essential, is not the sole qualification of efficiency. A thorough knowledge of duties, and tact, both in

dealing with brother officers and prisoners are equally necessary. In C. I. W. Golam Mustafa I am pleased to say I have found all these qualifications and if young officers will emulate his example and give their seniors the same loyal support and assistance as the Chief Indian Warden has given to those placed in authority over him, I look forward with confidence to the united and harmonious co-operation of the Indian staff."

"No doubt from time to time, the Chief Indian Warden has rubbed officers up the wrong way. All officers in authority, if they do their duty, have to do this occasionally. I do not suppose there is a man in this room who at some time or another has not considered himself badly treated by his superiors, but I do not think any one of us cherishes resentment for long. If we feel on reflection that a decision or report has been given without fear or favour."

"Just and Fair."

"Although Golam Mustafa was not promoted to his present rank until 1927, he has been the Senior Prison Officer since 1915—17 years—and for that period, I think I may safely say that his treatment of his juniors has to the best of my knowledge, been just and fair."

"It is not now permitted to make an official presentation of intrinsic value to any retiring officer, but I would like, on behalf of the prison staff, to make him the gift of our good wishes for his future happiness and the happiness of those near and dear to him. I hope that he will long be spared to enjoy the pension he has so deservedly earned."

"Turning to Golam Mustafa, Mr. Franks continued "On my own behalf and in conclusion, I thank you Chief Indian Warden, for your loyal and willing help at all times. I feel sure that in your retirement your attachment to the Government under which you have served for the best part of your life will in no way be abated."

"Hongkong is losing a valued servant, but India is gaining a tried and loyal subject of the British Empire."

"The pension tree planted so long ago in the soil of the prison service is now, after 36 years of constant and efficient attention, to bear fruit, and although it will shortly be transplanted in the garden of your retirement, I hope it will continue to flourish for many pleasant years to come. Good-bye and good luck."

The acting Chief Indian Warden, Rahimat Khan, on behalf of the Indian staff of the Prison Department expressed pleasure at seeing so many present."

The Chief Indian Warden he said had rendered a good service to the Government and had been tolerant and tactful with his juniors. It was with mingled feelings of regret and happiness

that they had gathered together that afternoon—regret that he was leaving Hongkong; happiness in the thought that he had served long and faithfully and was about to enjoy years of retirement.

Rahimat Khan concluded with a wish for Golam Mustafa's safe arrival in India and a promise that he and his men would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of their departing friend.

Golam Mustafa's Reply.

"I most solemnly and sincerely offer you my heartfelt thanks for your presence here this afternoon" said the retiring warden, in reply.

"I am shortly to proceed to India after completing 36 years service with the Government. I especially thank Mr. Franks, the present Superintendent of Prisons for raising me from the rank of warden to my present position. Before 1915 the highest rank an Indian could reach in the prison department was that of warden, but through the efforts of Mr. Franks, I am glad to say that today there are three acting principal wardens, two principal wardens and one Chief Indian Warden."

"I also wish to thank the assistant superintendent of Prisons, Mr. Hopkins and the Chief Warden, Mr. Buchanan. To work with these gentlemen was easy and pleasant."

"When I first came to Hongkong, it was a barren island with a small population, but now I marvel at its trade, its population and its progress. Kowloon which was once sparsely inhabited has developed to such an extent that in time I believe it will surpass Hongkong itself."

"I would advise the Indian staff to co-operate with the Government more closely and I appeal to the Government to grant the Indian staff something more than they have at present."

Golam Mustafa then informed his friends that despite his 61 years he was enjoying the best of health and would be prepared to wrestle with any of them. (Laughter).

"I pray that God may grant you that blessing, retirement, that He has granted me" he said in conclusion.

After the speeches, garlands of flowers were placed around the necks of all present. Two garlands were placed over the heads of the chairman and the guest of honour.

Those present included Messrs. J. W. Franks (Superintendent of Prisons), A. Hopkins (Assistant Superintendent of Prisons), G. L. Buchanan (Chief Warden), A. B. Didsbury (Printing Office, Prison Dept.), P. P. J. Wodehouse (Divisional Superintendent of Police), and representatives of each section of the Indian Prison staff.

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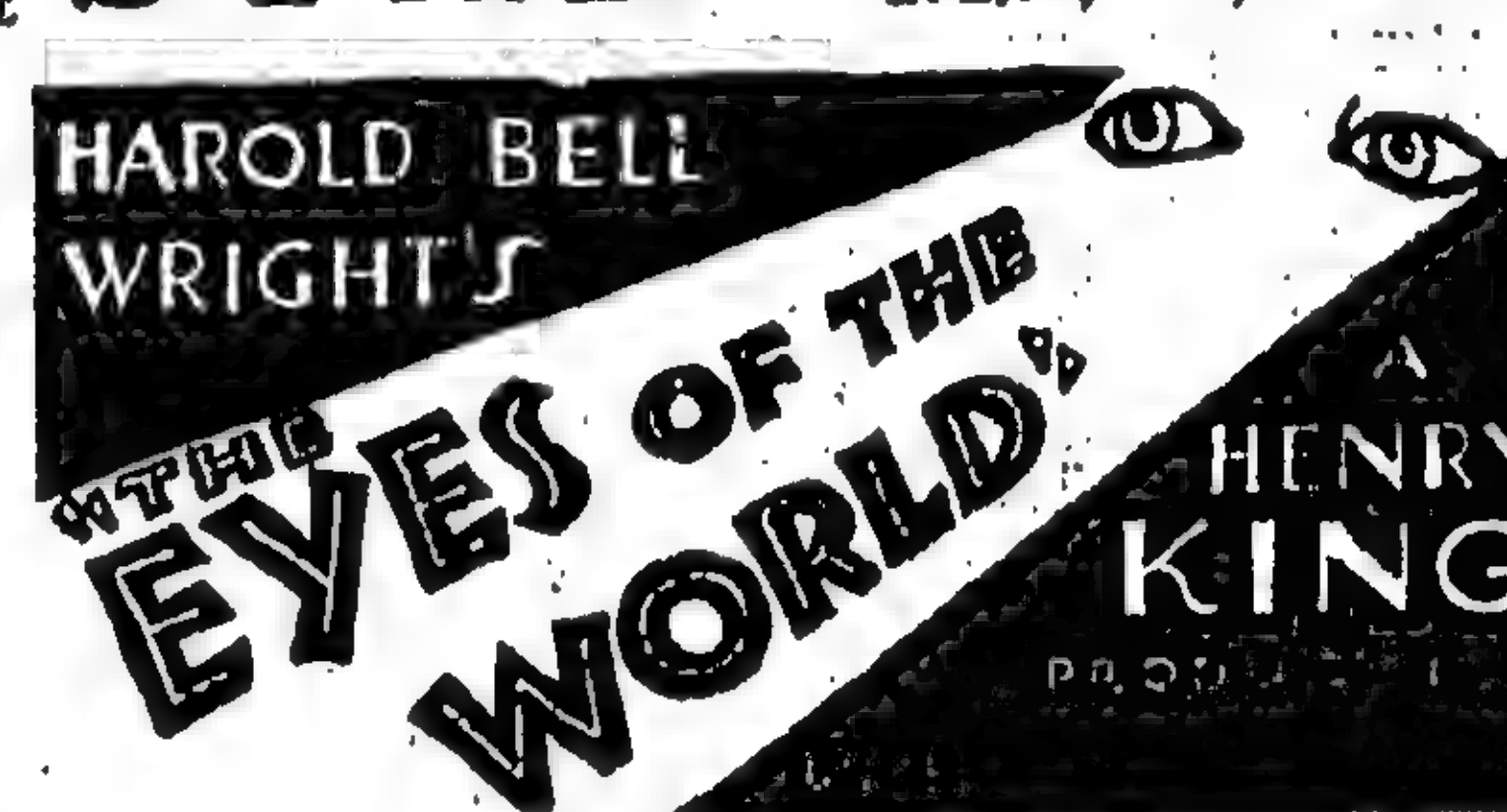
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JAPAN'S SHANGHAI CONCESSION AMBITIONS

THE MASSIE TRIAL

EXTRAORDINARY OUTBURSTS

BITTER ATTACK BY PROSECUTOR

NICE SCORN FOR ADMIRALS

Honolulu, Apr. 27.
Extraordinary outbursts by both counsel for the prosecution and the defence marked the closing scenes of the "honour slaying" trial which will be left to the jury to-morrow.

The septuagenarian counsel for the defence, Mr. Clarence Darrow, America's Marshall Hall, delivered an impassioned address urging the jury to apply the "golden rule."

SANCTIFY A PRISON.

He declared the defendants would "sanctify" any prison to which they might be sent.

Mr. Darrow accused the prosecution of trying to encompass "the destruction of the defendants," and appealed particularly to the three Chinese jurors in the mixed jury, declaring that the Eastern races had a place in the sun.

LIED LIKE A GENTLEMAN.

Mr. Kelly, the Public Prosecutor, attempted to discredit the evidence of Lieut. Massie, whom he depicted as a vain egotistical man who "lied like a gentleman," but could not hide behind his mother-in-law's skirts.

Pointing to Mrs. Massie, Kelly shouted: "They have sacrificed that girl for his ego."

LYNCH LAW OUTBURST.

In another remarkable outburst, Kelly declared that both Lieut. Massie and Admiral Pratt apparently believed in lynch law. "To hell with Admirals!" he exclaimed.

He asked for a unanimous verdict of guilty, declaring that the prosecution were not seeking vengeance only justice.—*Reuter.*

DOLLAR DROPS A FARTHING

CHANGE DURING THE FORENOON

The Hongkong dollar opened unchanged at 1s. 3 1/8d. this morning, but during the course of the forenoon a drop of a farthing to 1s. 2 7/8d. was registered. The local market has an easier undertone, as also has Shanghai.

Yesterday, silver rose 3/16ths in London, chiefly due to China buying. The market closed quietly steady. After the official fixing, the market ruled very quiet, with no special feature.

New York reports a decline of 1/8th, with the market dull. Futures are also down.

NEW GOVERNOR OF UGANDA

SIR B. BOURDILLON APPOINTED

London, Apr. 27.
H.M. the King has appointed Sir Bernard Bourdillon, Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Uganda, in succession to Sir William Gowers.

Uganda's new Governor has been Colonial Secretary in Ceylon since 1929, when he succeeded Sir Murchison Fletcher, formerly of Hongkong and now Governor of Fiji. He joined the Indian Civil Service in 1908, and from 1921 to 1929 served in Iraq.—*British Wireless.*

Programme of Civilian Residents Disclosed

TEN-MILE FRONTAGE ON THE WHANGPOO RIVER

CHAPEI FOR BUSINESS & KIANGWAN AS RESIDENTIAL AREA

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH").

Shanghai, Apr. 28.

JAPANESE RESIDENTS OF SHANGHAI HAVE NOT YET ABANDONED THE IDEA OF CARVING OUT FOR THEMSELVES A JAPANESE CONCESSION EMBRACING A CONSIDERABLE AREA OF GREATER SHANGHAI, WHATEVER MAY NOW BE THE ATTITUDE OF THE TOKYO GOVERNMENT.

According to the *China Press*, the Japanese Residents Association of Shanghai have drawn up a comprehensive programme for the so-called "Greater Japanese Concession," which is to include (in the Japanese programme) Chapei, Kiangwan and Paoshan.

The journal declares that the plan includes provision for a Japanese Concession which will have a ten-mile frontage on the Whangpoo River. Chapei will be converted into the business centre and Kiangwan will be a model residential area. The remainder will be regarded as the military zone.

PEACE CONFERENCE TO MEET ON SATURDAY

DRAFTING COMMITTEE AGREEMENT (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Apr. 28, 1.12 p.m.

The Shanghai armistice conference may be resumed on Saturday, a tentative proposal to this end having already met with the approval of the majority of the participants.

Working all day yesterday, a newly-formed committee completed the compilation of the points that will form the draft agreement, according to Mr. Samuel Chang, the Chinese member of the committee.

The revision of the clauses has been carried out in accordance with Sir Miles Lampson's new proposals.

The three delegates on the drafting committee are Mr. Samuel Chang, Mr. Okazaki, of the Japanese Legation, and Mr. Teichmann, Secretary of the British Legation.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Interviewed this morning, Mr. Hsin Ghl-fong, Adviser to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, declared that the main conference would not meet until the attitude of the League of Nations was known. They had not yet given their views on the so-called Lampson revised plan.

Mr. Hsin stated that the new plan aimed at the revision of the clause regarding the withdrawal time limit. The revision would instruct the Mixed Commission to supervise and report on the progress of the withdrawal of the Japanese forces.

The reference to a definite date has been replaced by the words, "in the near future."

FULL TEXT UNKNOWN.

The full text of Sir Miles Lampson's compromise draft has not been divulged, but it has several good points which are likely to lead to a settlement, especially as the Chinese and Japanese have already agreed to the draft.

Mr. Shiranaita and M. Wilden called on Sir Miles Lampson at

THE LAMPSON FORMULA

Shanghai, Apr. 28, 1.10 p.m.

According to well-informed quarters, Sir Miles Lampson's armistice proposals, which have been accepted by both China and Japan, suggest the deletion of two of the clauses in the Assembly's resolution.

The first is the clause empowering the Mixed Commission in Shanghai to declare, at the request of one of the parties, the moment when the Japanese withdrawal can reasonably be effected.

The second is the clause providing that the decision of the Mixed Commission may be taken by majority vote.

NEW CONDITIONS.

In place of these instructions, Sir Miles Lampson suggests that the Mixed Commission be charged to supervise the withdrawal of the Japanese troops and report the neglect of either side to comply with reasonable recommendations, and that there be an addendum to the truce agreement to the effect that the resolution of the League will be complied with only when the Japanese troops have been completely withdrawn.—*Reuter.*

EMPIRE TRADE EXTENSION

COLONIAL GOVERNORS CONSULTED

London, Apr. 27.
In the House of Commons, the Colonial Secretary, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, said he was in constant touch with all Colonial Governors on the possibilities of extension of trade between the Dominions and Colonies.—*British Wireless.*

TARIFF BARGAIN WEAPON

GOVERNMENT POLICY STATED

London, Apr. 27.
It was announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Government have accepted the view of the Import Duties Advisory Committee that the duties imposed by Order should not, in general, be reduced in the next twelve months.

CHAPEI GOVERNMENT.

Meanwhile, following the dissolution of the so-called "puppet" administration in the Chapei area, another group of Chinese in Chapei are reported to be seeking the joint permission of the Japanese naval authorities and the Chinese City Government of Greater Shanghai to establish another administration to govern the vast area north of the Settlement which is occupied by the Japanese.

Chinese officials declare that the new group is also under Japanese influence and would merely constitute a means for providing the Japanese with their Concession, in fact, if not in name. The City Government will never grant such permission.—*Reuter.*

MANCHURIA CHAOS

BANDITS FIRE TIMBER STORE

Harbin, Apr. 28.

The Japanese punitive expedition has occupied Hailin, the cavalry entering the city on Tuesday night, the main force having been held up because the line had been torn up for a considerable distance.

It is reported that the Japanese military have now taken over the section of the Chinese Eastern Railway between Hengtiaohe and Shih-tao-tze and are running trains thereon.

Meanwhile, the bandits are still very active. The failure of the C.E.R. to pay \$20,000 into the war-chest of one gang of bandits, led them to attack the C.E.R. timber concession near Shih-tao-tze.

The place was looted, numerous horses were stolen and the place set on fire. The huge stocks of timber are now burning furiously.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN EXCUSES.

London, Apr. 22.

Captain Eden, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, questioned regarding the Japanese attitude towards the Manchurian question, said the Japanese Government had declared that Japan was fully prepared to stand by her obligations under treaty.

So far as he was aware, the Japanese Government regarded the treaty as applicable to Manchuria but maintained that treaties which relate to China must necessarily be applied with due regard to the state of affairs from time to time prevailing in that country.—*British Wireless.*

Major Colville, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, who made the statement in reply to a question, added "The General outlook of the United Kingdom trade is such however that some modification may be found expedient even within that period if it should prove possible to secure in return for reduction in import duties, a promise of substantial advantages to our export trade.—*British Wireless.*



Mr. C. W. A. Scott (right) who has just broken the record for an England-Australia flight, and Mr. J. A. Molison, who is to attempt a solo Atlantic flight to America. The picture was taken at Lympne, from which point Scott took off.

DARING FINAL HOP

500 MILES OF SEA IN DARKNESS

SCOTT'S RECORD

(Reuter's Special Service).

Port Darwin, Apr. 28.
Mr. C. W. A. Scott, the famous long-distance flier, arrived at Port Darwin at 10.22 a.m. beating Mr. Butler's record by seven hours and thirty-six minutes.

The flier was loudly cheered by the crowd at the aerodrome. It was learned that he had struck land about a hundred miles to the west and had several attempts before striking Port Darwin. He carried a black gullwing as a mascot.

GRUELLING TIME.

The flight over the Timor Sea during the night was a gruelling experience. He had to battle against terrific headwinds. He is remaining at Port Darwin for several days and says he will not attempt any more records.

Kapank, Apr. 27.
The airman, Scott, who is making an attempt on the England-Australia flight record, reached here this afternoon for his last take-off for Australia.

As he does not want to land in Port Darwin until daylight to-morrow morning, he proposes to wait here until night falls, flying over the five hundred miles of the Timor Sea in the darkness.

TIRED OF EFFORT.

He hopes to land at Port Darwin at seven o'clock local time which would result in cutting about nine hours off Butler's record.

The famous airman admits that he is feeling exhausted. He is tired, he says, of trying to create records and will return to England by steamer.

MOLLISON'S NEW PLAN.

Meanwhile the hero of another memorable flight along the same route, though in the opposite direction, Mr. J. A. Mollison, on his return to London from his record-breaking flight to Cape Town, has announced that he now proposes to attempt an Atlantic solo flight from Britain to America.

Mollison proposes to make the attempt in the middle of June, taking the "Great Circle" route and landing in Newfoundland.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression has moved rapidly into the Sea of Japan and a weak anticyclone has developed over North China. Local forecast:—East winds, moderate; cloudy generally.

TENSE DEBATE IN THE DAIL

DE VALERA ON IRISH REPUBLIC

Dublin, Apr. 27.

"THE MOMENT the Irish People are ready to stand for an independent republic, we are quite ready to lead them," declared Mr. De Valera, the President of the Irish Free State Council, in the Dail this afternoon, making the second reading of the Bill providing for the removal of the Oath of Allegiance.

Prior to the discussion, Mr. De Valera had demonstrated to him how much his position depends upon the support of the Labour Party. The Republic leader desired the whole time of the Dail to be devoted to the Bill. The Labour Party demanded discussion a resolution on unemployment. The dispute was forced to a division and the Government was defeated by a margin of eight votes.

PLAN FOR EMPIRE CURRENCY

REMONETISATION OF SILVER

FOR DISCUSSION AT OTTAWA

London, Apr. 28.

According to the *Financial Times* correspondent in Toronto, the question of an Empire currency will be fully discussed at the Ottawa Conference.

It is understood that proposals will be submitted that the banks of the Empire should carry a minimum of ten per cent. and a maximum of forty per cent. of the gold value of their metallic reserves in silver.

It is urged that this step will permit the banks to take advantage of any fluctuations in silver and tend to stabilise its price.

It will also be proposed that the existing debased silver currency be called in and replaced by coinage of pre-war standard.—*Reuter.*

OTTAWA PARLEY ADVISER

T.U.C. MAKES TWO APPOINTMENTS

London, Apr. 27.

The General Council of the Trade Union Congress has appointed Mr. J. Bromley (Chairman) and Mr. Walter Citrine (General Secretary) as advisers to accompany the Government delegation to advise on industrial questions at the Ottawa Conference.—*British Wireless.*

DR. ALFRED SZE'S ILL-HEALTH

BACK IN LONDON TEMPORARILY

London, Apr. 27.

Dr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister in London, whose health broke down after strenuous work at Geneva in connexion with the Manchuria crisis, has returned from a prolonged rest cure in Spain.

He is now at the Chinese Legation clearing up the arrears of work, pending the arrival of his successor, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs at the present time.

Dr. Sze informed Reuter that he resigned purely for health reasons and his resignation had been accepted on condition that he resume the Diplomatic Service when recovered.

He is going to Malaga and Paris as soon as possible to continue medical treatment.—*Reuter.*

The rebellion of Mr. De Valera "supporters" occurred before the debate on the Oath, but the Government moving that day be devoted to the Bill it has been passed.

GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

An independent Labour Deputy moved that the motion on employment standing in his name was more important and should be taken up at nine o'clock night.

The President of the Council, Mr. De Valera, resisted the claim and it was pressed to a division upon which the Republican Government suffered defeat, seventy-four votes to sixty-six. Mr. De Valera declined to accept the defeat as vital and debate on the Bill removing Oath then proceeded.

ELECTION PROMISE.

The terms of the Republic Party's election manifesto, recalled by Mr. De Valera, pointed out that the first item of his platform was the removal of the Article in the Constitution making the Oath of Allegiance obligatory upon all members of the Dail.

The Government, he said, proposed to honour that pledge. They were prepared to go further as soon as the Irish people were ready.

RULE BY COERCION.

The Oath of Allegiance, he declared, was a block to the way to national unity and will obedience to the law, so the government by coercion was the rule.

The deletion of the Oath from the Constitution was quite consistent with the position of the Irish Free State as a co-partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations, for the House of Commons and the Legislatures of Canada, South Africa and Australia could take similar legislation.

NO NEGOTIATIONS.

He would certainly not be drawn into negotiations with the United Kingdom on the matter. Treaties, as a rule, were not part of constitutional law of countries and in any case, the removal of the Oath did not, in opinion, violate the Treaty of 1922.

"The Bill is one of the most important pieces of political legislation in history," declared Mr. De Valera, who followed Dr. De Valera in the debate. The debate is proceeding.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

OIL CORPORATION LOSS

G\$27,000,000 IN 1931

New York, Apr. 27.
The Shell Union Oil Corporation reports that in the financial year 1931 it made a net loss of \$27,000,000.—*Reuter.*

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge
League.

In our previous article we discussed the bidding of four-card suits ahead of five. Not only does the bidding of four-card suits ahead of five give partner an accurate picture of your hand, but it also conveys a definite defensive strength.

Four-card suits are generally stronger than five-card suits, especially for defensive purposes. Supposing you held four diamonds to the ace, king and five spades to the king, jack, ten. Under the old system of bidding, you would open with a spade and if the bidding did not get too high, you would show your diamond suit. If, however, the opponents finally bought the contract and it was your partner's opening lead, he would undoubtedly open with a spade, the first suit you had bid, and this might be the only opening that would allow the opponents to go game.

However, under the writer's system of bidding, if you had bid a diamond first and a spade later on, your partner would definitely know that your diamond suit was a fourcarder and that your spade suit was at least five cards long, therefore his proper opening would be diamonds. An ace king suit four times will take two tricks against an opponent's declaration a great deal more often than a five or six-card suit headed by ace, king. Very seldom will the second lead of the four-card suit be ruffed, while in most cases the second lead of a six-card suit will be, and very often the second lead of a five-card suit.

Bid the Highest of Two
Four-Card Suits.

When holding two biddable four-card suits, bid the higher ranking of the two first. While it is true that partner will assume that your second suit contains five cards, by bidding the higher ranking one first, he should give consideration to the fact that both of your bids may be four-card suits.

Four-card suits are very seldom rebid excepting a four-card major headed by ace, king, queen or ace, queen, jack, ten. If partner has given you a double raise and you hold good outside strength, occasionally you will rebid your four-card major.

When holding two five-card suits, the higher ranking of the two should be bid first. Supposing you held five hearts and five diamonds, you would open with the heart suit, on the next round show the diamond suit, partner will assume that you hold four hearts and five diamonds. Then on the next round rebid the heart suit. As the rebids of four-card suits are very rare, partner will now know that you hold five hearts and five diamonds.

Showing Six-Five Distribution.

In this same manner, in 50 per cent. of the cases, you can show partner when you hold a six-card and a five-card suit; e.g., you hold six diamonds and five hearts. You bid the diamond suit first. On the next round you show the heart suit, then on the next round you rebid the diamonds. Partner naturally makes the following deductions—when you bid a diamond, he assumed that it was a four-card suit, then when you show the heart suit, that gives you four diamonds and five hearts. When you rebid the diamonds you showed him at least a five-card diamond suit, but if you held five hearts and five diamonds, you would have bid the hearts first. Why therefore did you bid the diamonds first. Simply because you must have had six diamonds and five hearts.

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WELCOME EXTENDED BY
MANCHUKUO

Mukden, Apr. 27.
Lord Lytton has recovered from his indisposition and the Commissioners again interviewed General Honjo to-day. There is still no decision regarding the programme northwards.

A Changchun message says that in response to Lord Lytton's note notifying the entry of the Commissioners into Manchuria, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hsieh Chieh-shi has telegraphed assuring Lord Lytton that the Manchukuo Government will welcome the arrival of the Commissioners and place all facilities at their disposal.—*Reuter Special.*

Yalu Disturbances.

Antung, Apr. 27.
The anti-Manchukuo movement in the Tungshu district is spreading and a critical situation prevails in the Yalu region where Chinese soldiers and police are reported to have joined the anti-Manchukuo elements and started disturbances.—*Reuter Special.*

The writer suggests that you deal out several hands with a partner and try bidding the hands back and forth until you become thoroughly familiar with four-five six-five bidding.

LONDON TREATY

JAPAN OPPOSED TO PLAN
FOR EXTENSION

Tokyo, Apr. 27.
Japanese vernacular papers report that the Navy Office are opposed to the proposal to extend the term of the London Naval Treaty after the present termination in 1936.

Reports from Geneva state that Mr. Stimson has suggested to the French Premier, M. Tardieu and the Italian delegate, to extend the Treaty until 1942.—*Reuter.*

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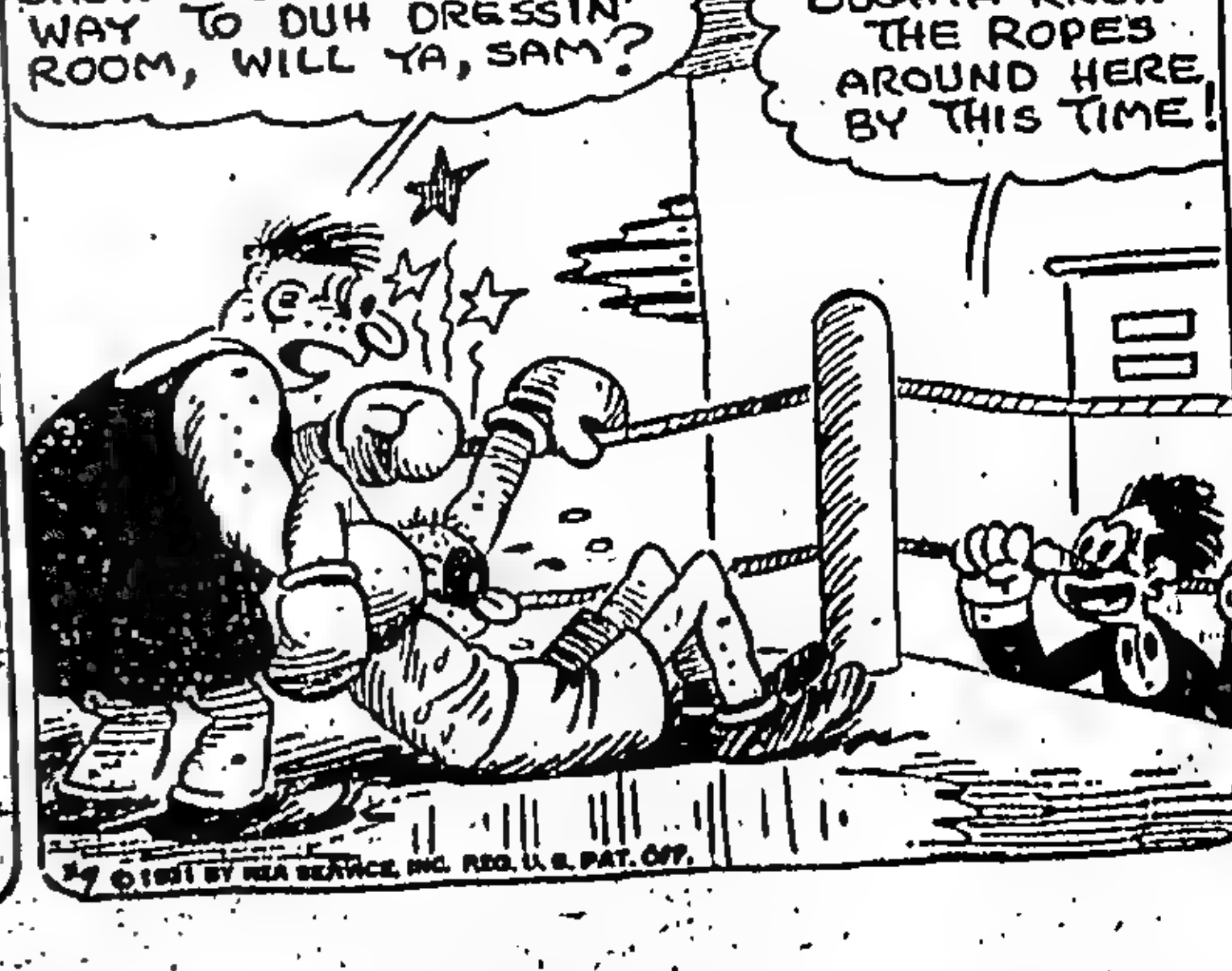
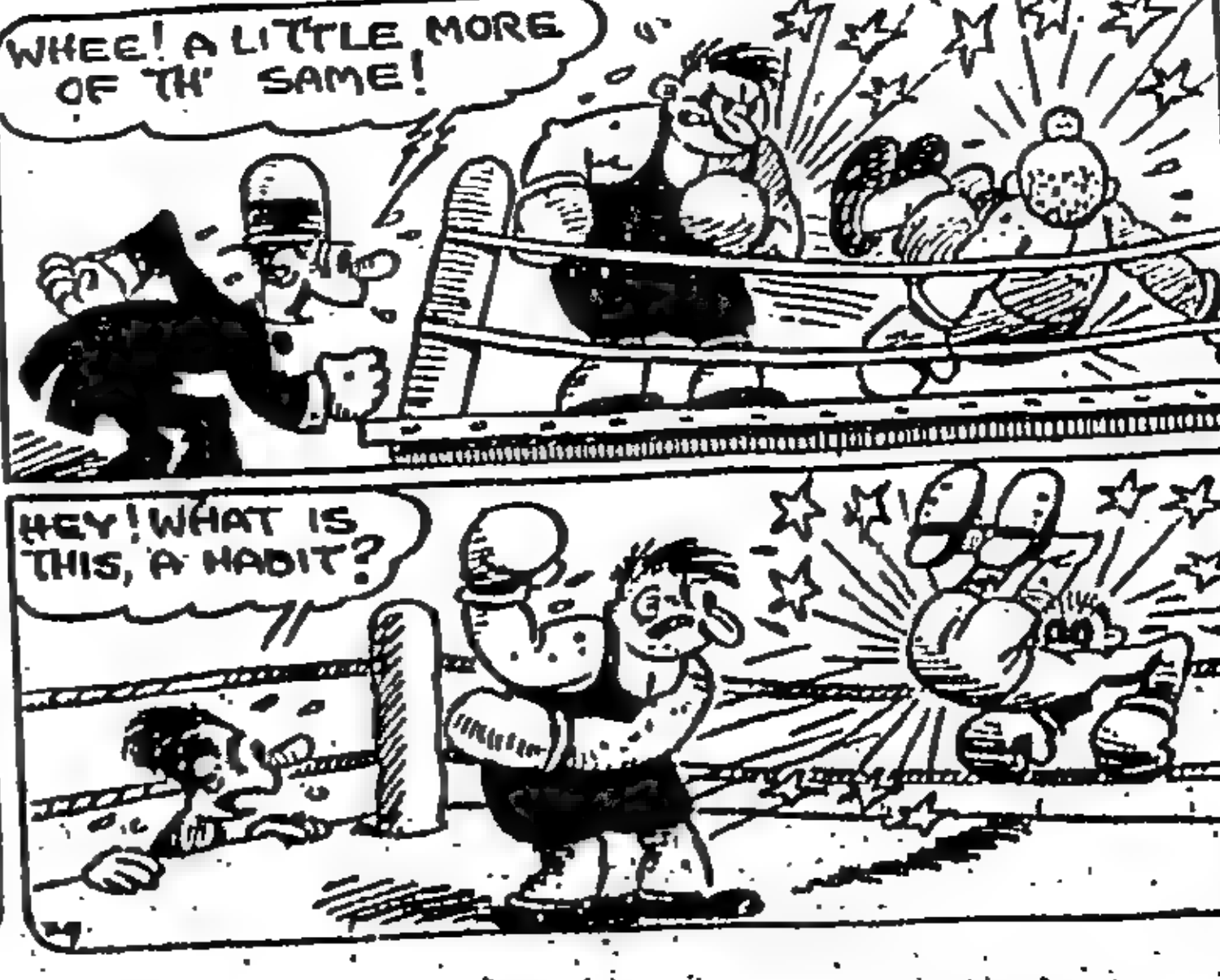
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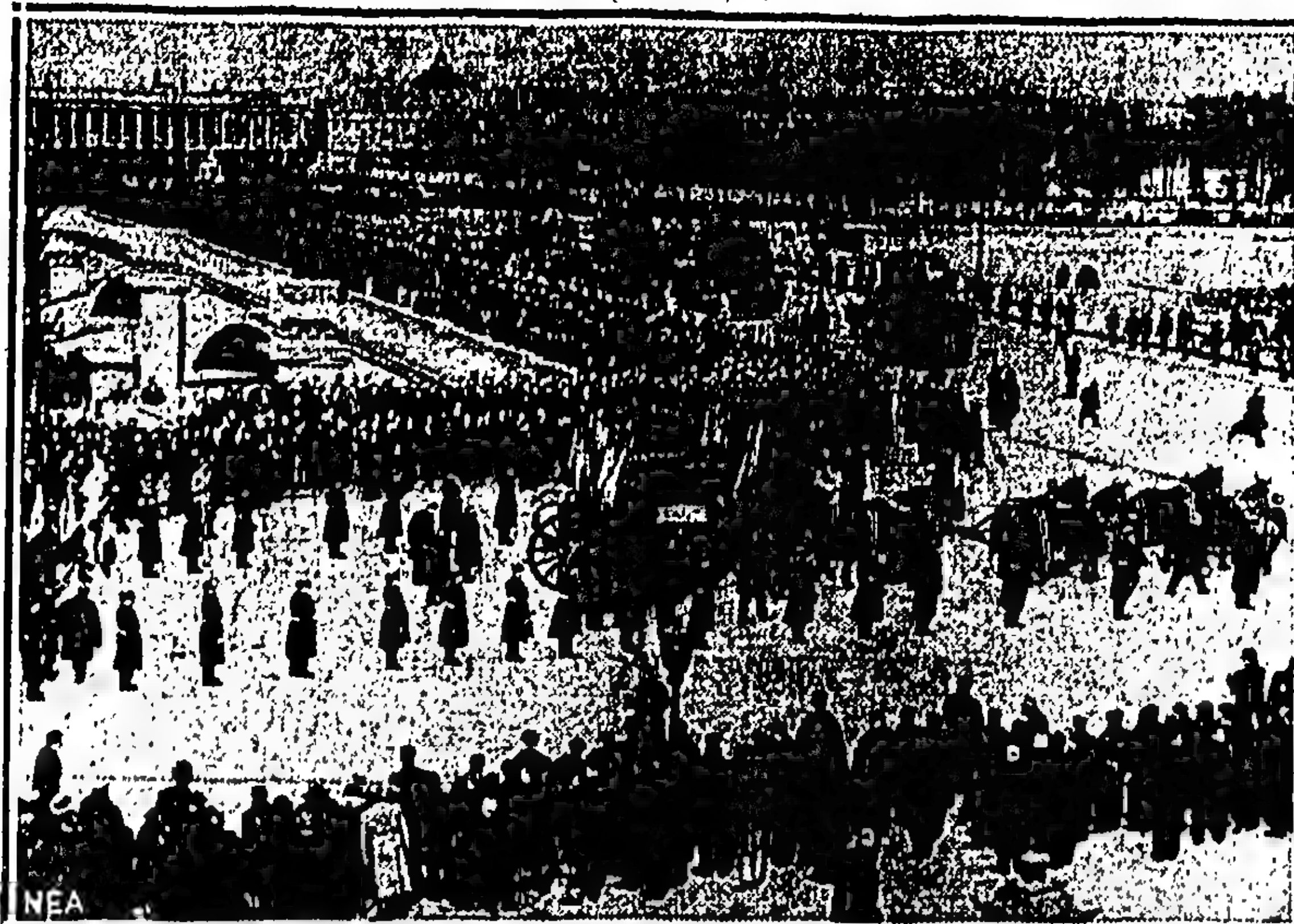
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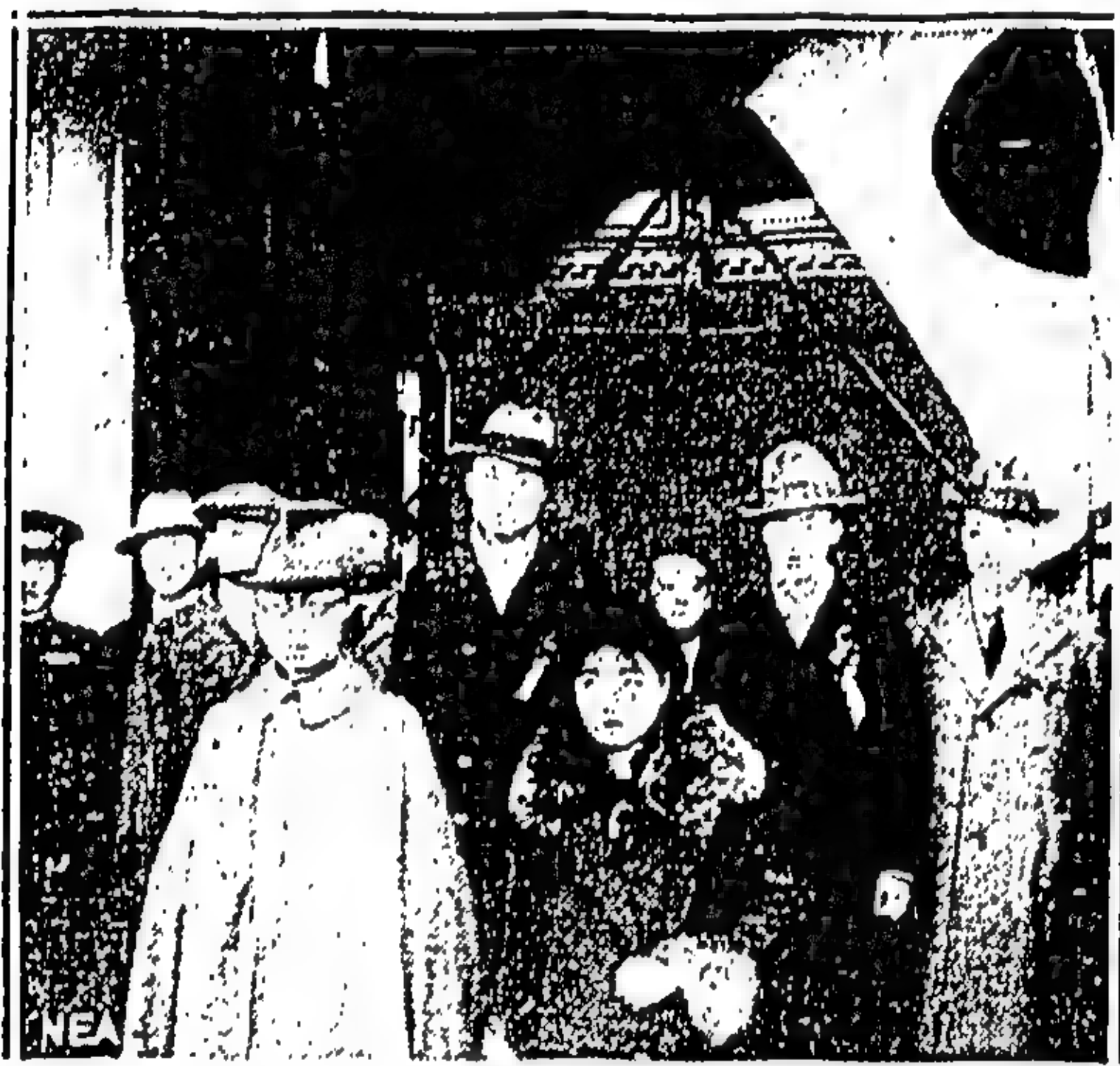
FRANCE'S LAST STIRRING TRIBUTE TO BRIAND: POPE PIUS AT WORK.



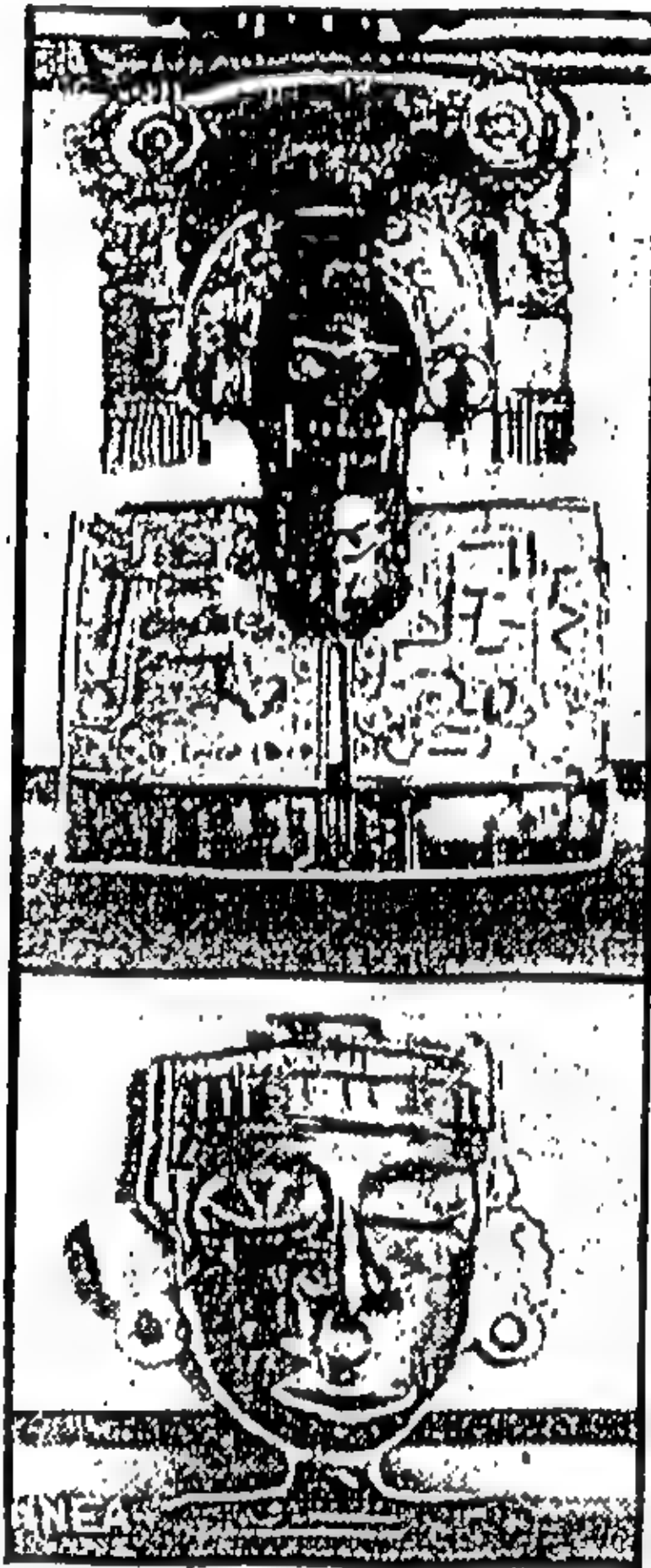
A SIMPLE FLAG-DRAPED COFFIN containing the body of France's beloved Aristide Briand, while men paid homage to the memory of the silver-tongued statesman who held many of his nation's highest offices.



THOUSANDS solemnly stood with bared heads as Aristide Briand was borne amidst military pomp through the streets of the little cemetery at Passy. This striking picture reveals the scene as the carriage carrying the famous statesman's casket was about to turn into Pont de la Concorde.



Henry Pu Yi youthful "emperor" of the new Manchurian State, shown with his wife, leaving the ceremonies at which he took the oath. Note in the background the crossed flags of Japan and Manchuria.



Hailed as the richest discovery in the history of America, the finding of the tomb of six ancient chiefs at Monte Alban, near Oaxaca, Mexico, brought to light the priceless relics shown above. At the top is a royal pendant of gold, representing a Mexican warrior. A Xipe mask of pure gold is shown below.



A rare photographic study showing Pope Pius XI busily at work in his private study at Vatican City.

The dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAYTON

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Beautiful Ellen Rosier, a salesgirl in Barclay's Department Store, works nights as a dance hall hostess at Dreamland. She lives with her extravagant mother, Molly Rosier, her sister, Myra, and her young brother, Mike.

Steven Barclay, of and Ellen's employer, loves the girl but she is in love with Larry Harrowgate, an artist she has met at Dreamland. She loves her heart to him in spite of the fact that he is engaged to Elizabeth Bowes, a debutante.

Ellen is unwilling to wound Barclay but when scandalous gossip is circulated at the store, she determines to see him no more. However, Molly Rosier, anxious for Ellen to marry a rich husband, invites him to dinner. Molly borrows money to make the apartment attractive and this infuriates Ellen. She and Molly prepare the dinner while Myra and Bert Armstrong, Myra's fiancé, entertain the guest. Barclay gives Mike a bicycle, and the boy is delighted at first. Ellen is seriously displeased. The dinner party sets off a bad start.

CHAPTER XVII

The dinner, off to such a bad start, was soon a jolly, friendly affair. The food was excellent and not, as Ellen had feared in the beginning, too elaborate. She had omitted the pate and had firmly vetoed Molly's suggestion that the lobster be served in the shell. They began the meal with lobster cocktail, cool and delicious and served with one of Ellen's famous sauces. Then there was the roast duck, cunningly and accurately seasoned. The vegetables, green corn with peppers and peas and broccoli, were served with cream sauces.

Ellen had managed everything so that the dinner seemed a great deal simpler than it was.

Bert, firmly prevented from discussing baseball, was encouraged to talk of his really amazing knowledge of literature. Myra and Ellen, invariably controversialists, were soon gaily wrangling with him over the rightful place of some of his favourites. Where would Sinclair Lewis be in 100 years? A historian of his age or completely forgotten? How about Hemingway?

They argued while Molly, a proud smile in her eyes, looked at Barclay as if to demand whether her daughters were not the cleverest in the world. Steven, silent at first and not quite understanding how the game was played, entered one or two suggestions only to see them torn to bits and flung back at him almost beyond recognition.

He learned quickly; warmed to their youthful vigor. Soon he was defending his position as valiantly as they defended theirs. He caught Myra and Ellen's attention when

he mentioned his acquaintance with several of the authors under discussion. They demanded more and then more.

Before he knew it, he was talking of places he had been and people he had met. He sketched Monte Carlo for them and told of little French towns where life moved just as it had 300 years before. He recreated the colour of glittering bazars and again tales of adventures, princesses, statesmen and scoundrels he had known.

Ellen forgot her resentment of the man under the spell of the pictures he drew. Oh, it would be fun to travel, to see the grey spires of Paris and to wander in the cool depths of the Black Forest.

The little group ignored the passage of time as they proceeded further and further into the fascinating exploration of one another's minds. Finally there came an interruption.

It was the coloured maid again. "I've waited and waited," she announced mournfully. "I want my \$5. I got to go home."

They all laughed and struggled from the table. Ellen became aware that the room was stiflingly hot. Troubles which had been put away returned to harass her. What was to happen to them? The insurance money so painfully scraped together had been spent for an evening's pleasure. The coast of Normandy was all very well but where was the rent to come from?

When they wandered from the debris in the dining room to the stuffy living room, she moved to the window and stared down at the noisy street. Children were playing and screaming there while mothers and fathers sat wearily on the stoops, fanning themselves with newspapers they would later toss into the gutters. Ellen could not distinguish Mike from the distance but she could hear his boastful voice. She felt an inward pang. What was to become of him, a child who had no playground but the street?

"Whew, it's simply scorching!" breathed Molly's voice in her ear. "I was hoping we'd have a storm. But you look cool enough."

Ellen turned from the window. "I'm not cool," she said listlessly. "I don't believe it will ever rain again. There's not even heat

Lightning.

"Why don't we all go driving?" suggested Steven, laying aside his cigar.

"You and Ellen go," Molly said with naive haste. "I'd love it but I've promised to drop in on a neighbour for a few minutes. Mrs. Clancy downstairs."

Bert, stretched at full length on the couch, had lapsed into somnolence but when Steven spoke he roused.

"Myra and I'll go along," he announced, yawning. "I've never ridden in a limousine and I don't want to miss the chance."

Somewhat to his own surprise Bert did not accompany Ellen and Steven on the drive. He did not understand entirely how it happened but instead he took Myra to a neighbourhood movie theatre. Ellen could have told him. As usual, Molly had managed.

The girls' cheeks were burning as the heavy car swished up Pine street and turned toward the Heights. Steven had fallen silent and she wondered in a fever of nervousness what he was thinking of all this. Certainly he must have seen that the ride had been deliberately arranged by Molly.

There was a curious light in the world, more elusive than moonlight and yet like moonlight. Grey buildings seemed to come alive with the still, odd light. It lay along the street in pools. Not a breath of wind stirred and the dusty trees stood motionless as painted trees.

They drove on to Brooklyn Heights. The limousine was parked and the chauffeur wandered away. Reflected in the star-spangled harbour, lower Manhattan with its tall buildings and lighted windows became unreal as a dream. A beautiful, fanciful panorama massed like the towering cities in the clouds so that at any moment one might expect the whole to float away.

The odours though were close and real. The good sharp smell of water and grass; the friendly smell of Steven's cigar; the intangible, mysterious smell of the night itself. There were the mournful sounds of steamboat whistles and the gentle

lapping of water. There were the low voices of lovers whispering on hidden benches.

Gradually there stole over Ellen a sense of luxury and well being. She had been foolishly, almost hysterically reluctant to go out alone with Steven, apprehensive lest he should say to her what she so ardently desired should go unsaid.

Now those vague, troubled fears and apprehensions were lost as were her fears of the ultimate destination of her family. It was enough to sink back among soft cushions and to drink in the magic beauty of the evening.

"It's not true, is it?" she asked Steven dreamily as she stared out across the water. "Nothing could be so lovely and still be true."

"That's rather a hard philosophy, don't you think?"

"Oh, I don't know." Her laugh in the darkness was uncertain. She had been entirely at ease. Now she wondered if he was thinking her childish and immature. She was never quite sure of herself when she was with him.

It was hard to forget that he was Steven Barclay, owner of Barclay's Department Store, hard to forget that he was a great deal older. How presumptuous Molly had been; how presumptuous she herself had been to imagine that he was sentimentally interested in her. He was Steven Barclay.

But if she could have read Barclay's thoughts she would have known that she was wrong. He, too, was self-conscious. It was only that age had taught him to hide his feelings. He had always taken what he wanted from the world. Indeed what he wanted had come so easily that he had grown a little contemptuous of the world and the ease of conquering it. Now as his mood of self-consciousness increased he felt a pang of real fear that the desire which had obsessed him when he first caught sight of the young girl at his side would, in the end, fail of fulfillment.

They were silent again. Ellen was entirely unprepared when Steven leaned forward and took her hands.

"Look at me, Ellen," he bade her in a strange, breathless voice. As she obeyed she knew what was coming. She checked a wild impulse to leap from the car, to



Miss Marion Fortescue, a daughter of Mrs. Granville Fortescue, sailed from England to attend the trial. Miss Fortescue is shown above at Oxford University, where she has been studying for a degree.

run away and hide in the night, an impulse of pure panic. Instead she sat quietly, her cold slim hands in his.

"I suppose you've guessed what I mean to say," Barclay began, plunging desperately because his carefully rehearsed phrases had failed.

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convicts charged in connexion
with the sensational revolt at
Dartmoor last January.
Mr. Justice Finlay is being
closely guarded, armed guards
being placed round his hotel all
night.

The precincts of the court to-
day teemed with armed police and
plain clothes detectives.
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all the accused. There were five
indictments, one of which contains
the names of all of the 31 accus-
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charged with attempted murder
and eight are charged with arson.
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accused and 60 other convicts
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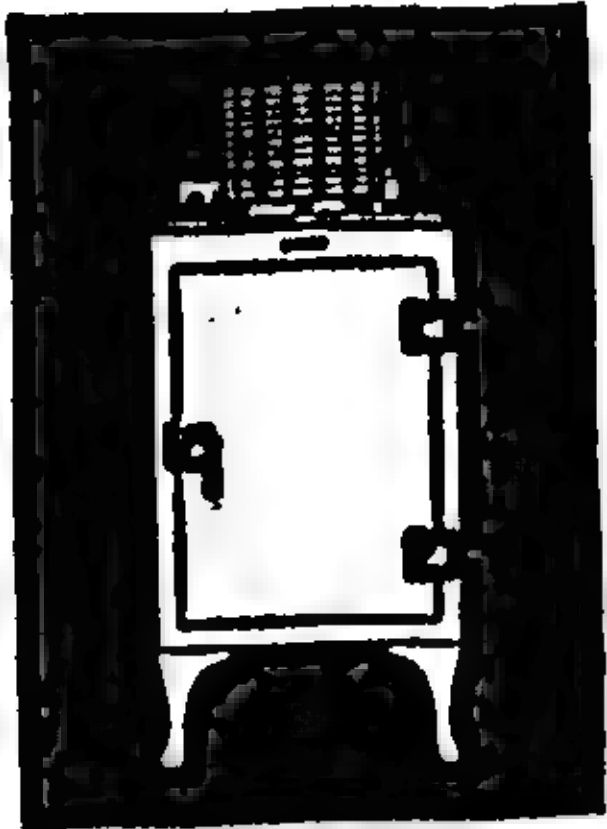
From	Per	Date
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via	Calcutta Maru	April 28.
Siberia (London, 7th April)	Pres. Taft	April 29.
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Siberia (London 8th April)	Hakone Maru	April 29
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and		
Shanghai	Empress of Japan	April 29.
(Vancouver B.C., 9th April)		
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hai	Pres. McKinley	May 2.
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Japan and Shanghai	Ranpura	May 6.
Japan	Manila Maru	May 6.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Apr. 28, 3 p.m.
Saigon	Shunehi	Thurs., Apr. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Samahui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Thurs., Apr. 28, 4 p.m.
Hoihow	New Mathilde	Wed., Apr. 28 5 p.m.
Japan	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Apr. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Bintang	Fri., Apr. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and		
South America and *Europe via		
Victoria B. C.	Pres. Taft	Fri., Apr. 29.
	Parcels	29th 3 p.m.
	Reg.	29th 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	29th 5 p.m.
	(Duo Victoria B. C., 17th May.)	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Taft	Fri., Apr. 29.
	Reg.	29th 5 p.m.
	Letters	29th 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,		
East	K. P. O.	Fri., Apr. 29.
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Reg.	Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Hakone Maru	Letters	Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 29, 6 p.m.
	(Duo Marseilles 28th May.)	
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and		
New Zealand via Brisbane	Nollara	Sat., Apr. 30.
	Parcels	29th, 5 p.m.
	Registration	30th, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	30th, 10.30 a.m.
	(Duo Brisbane, 17th May.)	
Straits & Calcutta	Takada	Sat., Apr. 30.
	Parcels	Apr. 29, 6 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 30, 6.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., Apr. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tjisondari	Sat., Apr. 30, 3.30 p.m.
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Manila	Pres. Pierce	Sat., Apr. 30, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., May 1, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalpan	Sun., May 1, 9 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hatching	Tues., May 3, 1 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Tues., May 3, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Foehing	Tues., May 3, 5 p.m.
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*Canada, Central and South Ameri-		
ca and *Europe via San Francisco	Asama Maru	Wed., May 4.
and *Europe via Siberia	Reg.	May 3, 5 p.m.
	Letters	May 4, 8.30 a.m.
	(Duo San Francisco, 25th May.)	
*Japan and *Canada	Protestant	Thurs., May 4, 10.30 a.m.
	(Duo Vancouver B.C., 30th May)	
Australia and New Zealand via		
Brisbane	Melbourne Maru	Thurs., May 5.
	Parcels	May 5, 2 p.m.
	Reg.	May 5, 2.45 p.m.
	Letters	May 5, 3.30 p.m.
	(Duo Brisbane, 18th May)	
Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri., May 6, 10.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Fri., May 6, Noon
	Parcels	May 6, 1 p.m.
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A renewed determination to pursue the cause of peace, the need for which was well illustrated by several speakers, including Mr. F. C. Mow Fung and Dr. E. L. Allen, emerged from a meeting yesterday at the Helena May Institute of members of the Hongkong Peace Group, open to supporters and the public.

Mr. Mow Fung stated that there was no question more engrossing to-day than universal peace, because never before in the history of the world had there been greater need of peace. There was hardly a nation which was not wracked with the fear or suspicion of some other nation, despite the Great War intended to end war. War clouds still hovered above the horizon, and out in the East, they were closely concerned with the terrible doings of recent happenings, in spite of a Disarmament talk which was at the same time being carried on elsewhere. Nervousness and apprehension still remained.

What were the fundamental elements of peace? That was a momentous question. He thought the answer could be summed up briefly by quoting from the second part of the Song of Praise which heralded Christianity 1,900 years ago. "On earth peace: Goodwill to all men."

Goodwill to men, irrespective of race, class or creed. They would remember that this same principle was implied in the words of the great Chinese philosopher, Confucius "Within the four seas, all are brothers."

Dr. Allen's Speech.

Dr. E. L. Allen said in part: We are here to-day to talk about peace and to talk about it as those who are resolved to face the facts. That being the case, there is one question which we cannot avoid asking and trying to answer: "Has the League failed?" I would answer that what we are witnessing to-day is not the failure of the League but its virtual repudiation by the Powers which created it. Faced with the demand that they implement the promises they made, signed, and solemnly pledged themselves to observe, they prefer to write across the face of the Covenant and the Kellogg Pact the words, "Not to be taken seriously!" To adapt words which were used originally in a different connexion, "The League has not been found wanting, it has been found difficult and not tried."

It seems to me that we may have to wait another 100 years or so before we have a clearer case of the open violation of international obligations than has been presented in the last few months. I do not mean that in the dispute between Japan and China, right is all on one side and the other is entirely wrong; I am sure that there is a considerable measure of guilt on each side. But from the beginning we have seen one disquieting ready to accept League intervention and to submit its case to consideration by impartial third parties while the other has stubbornly declined to acknowledge any verdict except what it could obtain by its own armed force.

What has happened is that the Powers created at the Peace Conference a body, if not of international law, at least of international obligation, but at the same time held themselves to be above it. The League system is weak because it is a fatal compromise. When the War came to an end, the world was between two forces. There was the liberal sentiment which has President Wilson as its spokesman, demanding a just peace and a warless world. But there was also a great deal of national greed, anxious to consolidate its power and eager for territories, subject populations, money and all the other prizes which were available

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	Previous Day.	Yesterday
Paris.....	92.75	93.1/16
Geneva.....	18.75	18.85
Berlin.....	16.30	16.40
Cole.....	19.18/16	19.4
Helsingfors.....	215	215
Athens.....	200	Nominal
Buenos Aires.....	80 3/4	80 3/4
Shanghai.....	1/8.13/32	1/8.7/16
New York.....	3.64	3.63 1/4
Amsterdam.....	8.97 1/4	8.98 1/4
Vienna.....	82	82
Madrid.....	46.9/16	46.13/16
Bucharest.....	612 1/4	605
Hongkong.....	1/3.5/16	1/3.5/16
Brussels.....	25.95	25.15
Milan.....	70 1/4	71 1/4
Stockholm.....	19.95	19.4
Copenhagen.....	15.95	16.4
Prague.....	123 1/4	123 1/4
Lisbon.....	110	110
Rio.....	4 1/4	4 1/4
Bombay.....	1/6.15/16	1/6.15/16
Yokohama.....	1/9.3/11	1/9.3/11
Montevideo.....	80	80
Montreal.....	4.08	4.11
Silver (spot).....	17.1/16	17.3/16
.. (forward).....	17.1/16	17.3/16

for distribution. So the League was formed as a compromise between the two, to be at once an association of nations for world-peace and an alliance of the victors to retain the spoils of war.

Double Life Civilisation.

Our civilisation is leading all the while a double life, a sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde existence. On the one hand is the new order which is the ideal aspect of the League, an order of nations co-operating freely and sincerely desirous of living together on a basis of understanding and goodwill; on the other is the old bad system of secret diplomacy, armed alliances, and mass-armaments prepared for an outbreak of mutual slaughter. Everywhere at the present time those who are in power seem to be casting their weight for old system against the new—that is the most disquieting feature of the whole situation.

Blame is Ours.

I have said that the League is weak because the strong nations are determined to keep it weak so that they may possess the earth by their strength. I have said also that the blame is ours, in so far as we want our nation to stand for its own rights and privileges instead of becoming a member in a world-commonwealth. It is an individual responsibility and I want to ask for individual decision. The time has come when we want men and women who will say, "Henceforth I am a citizen first of the world and only thereafter of England or France, China or Japan and so on." "Religion is world-loyalty," said Prof. Whitehead. I believe that the time has come when the only true patriotism is world-loyalty. We must think, speak and act internationally and no longer from within the limits of our separate nationalities.

Peace-Loving Society.

In a discussion which followed, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest said:—This Society of Peace-Loving Individuals was aroused to activity by the events which Dr. Allen had described. It found that as individuals it could contribute to the realisation of the common aim. It hoped to do work by publicity, propaganda and individual efforts, to interest the public in general, and foster a determination to do all in their power in the cause of peace. The subscriptions, limited to \$2 were intended to assist the Society in its activities rather than for funds. Publicity expenses were usually met from donations by the better-to-do members and sympathisers.

He had taken the secretaryship for the year, and would be pleased to receive the names of subscribers as either "A" or "B" members. Members who made up their minds on the subject fell under the former category, and those who were earnestly considering the subject under the latter.

Before closing the meeting, Mr. Forrest called for a vote of thanks to Mr. J. H. Hunt for having taken the chair; this was heartily given.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1500 n.
Chartered Bank, 211 n.
Mercantile Bank, \$18 1/4 n.
East Asia, \$115 b.
Am. O. Finance Corp., \$20 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1250 n.
Union Ins., \$460 n.
China Underwriters, \$4 n.
China Fire, \$500 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,195 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$27 b.
H. K. Steamships, \$23 n.
Indo-China, (Freight) \$32 n.
Union Waterboats, \$19 1/2 n.

Mining.

China Estates, \$98 1/4 b.
Benguet Exp., 29 cts. b.
Benguet, \$15 1/4 b.
Kailans, 2 1/2 o.s.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.10 n.
Rauhs, \$35 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$143, b.
Whampoa Docks, \$20 1/2 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old), \$4.90 b.
Hongkew, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers Tls. 5 1/4 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 88 1/2 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 15 n.
Shanghai Cotton, Tls. 75 n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 10 n.

Land, Hotels, etc.

H.K. Hotels, \$13.15 n. Cum Rts.
H. K. Hotels Rights, \$2.40 n.
H. K. Lands, \$75 b.
Metro Lands \$10 n.
Shai Lands, Tls. 24 n.
Humphreys, \$16.50 n.
Asia Realities "B" \$23 n.
Realities, \$11.40 b.
Asia Realities "A", \$160 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$22.75 b.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.50 n.
Star Ferries, \$90 n.
China Lights, \$21 b.
H. K. Electric, \$73 1/4 b.
Macao Electric, \$24 b.
Telephones, \$38 1/2 n.
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Tractions, 3/- n.

Industrials.

Malabons, \$21 n.
Canton Ices, \$5.05 n.
Cements (com.), \$13.70 b.
Ropes, \$14.10 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28 n.
Watsons, \$15 n.
Watsons Rights, \$3 1/2 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crayfords, \$5.80 b.
Mackintosh, \$18 1/4 b. X.Div.
Sinceres, \$17 1/2 n.
Powells, \$3.65 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$22 1/2 n.
Entertainments (old) \$14.25 n.
Constructions (old), \$5.50 b.
Constructions (new), \$1.75 b.
S. C. Enterprises \$10 a.
B. Ind. G. & Bonds, \$58 1/2 n.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs Penbreath and Co.

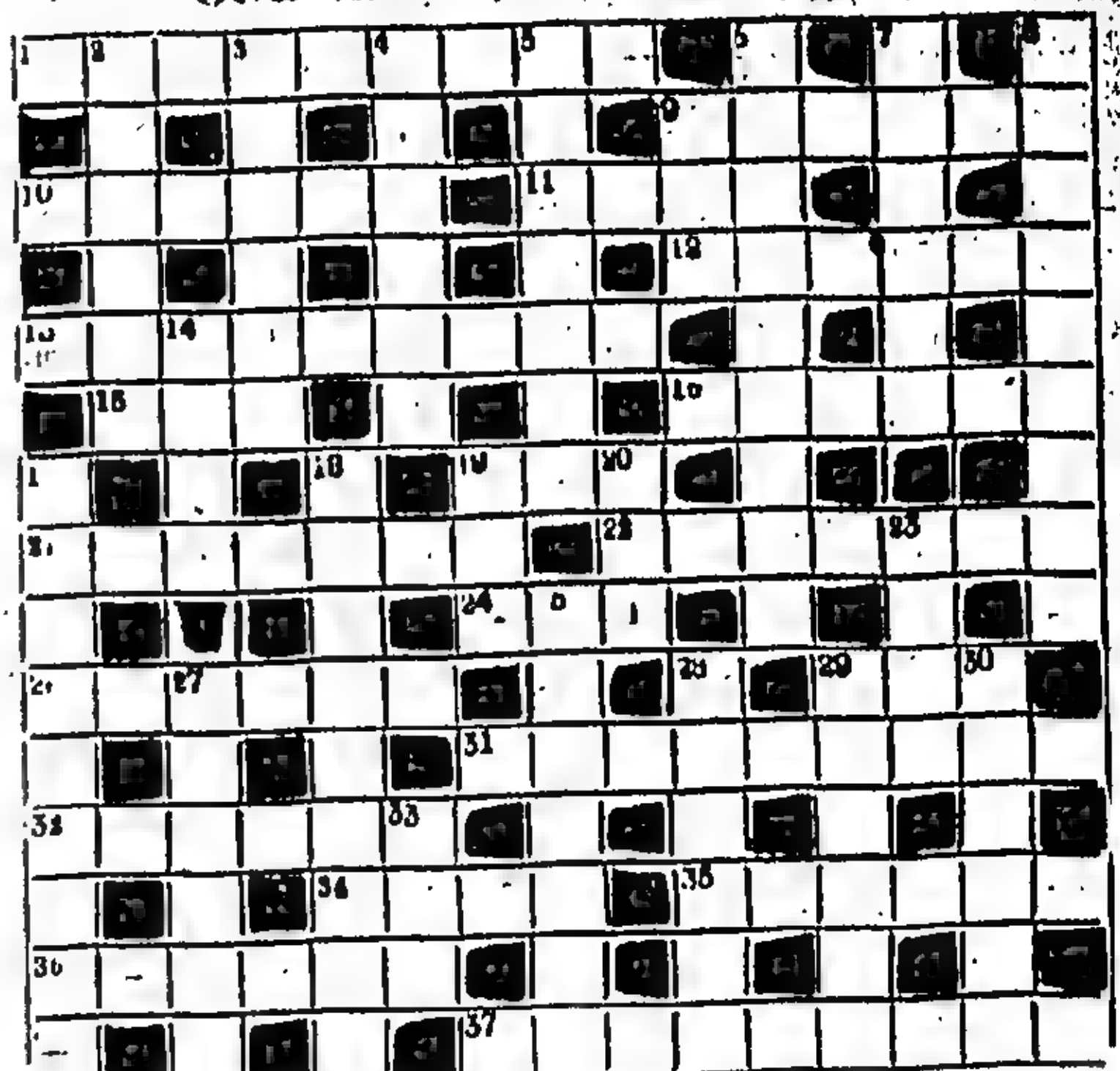
London Terminals.

August 1932 4/8 1/2 down 1/4 d.
December 1932 5/1 1/2 down 1/4 d.
March 1933 5/4 1/2 down 1/4 d.
May 1933 5/6 1/2 no change.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking 1/4-1/2 more.

New York Terminals.

May 1932 .58 down 2 pts.
July 1932 .67 down 1 pt.
September 1932 .74 down 1 pt.
December 1932 .81 down 1 pt.
March 1933 .87 down 2 pts.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORD.



Across
1 Get part of his kit from a man and where to find him.
9 A National, and what he might do in the sun.
10 An English King.
11 To run thus appears as quite all right after the early part of the day.
12 It doesn't require a Layard, Sayce, or Carter to find Thebes here.
13 You'll see scores about the mail in disorder, but it's just a piece of conventionality.
15 Laid on in Nagasaki.
16 Not quite so certain.
21 Begins by suggesting concealment, and it's ugly enough to warrant it.
22 Starts like a duffer, but keeps you cosy.
24 This Dan never came out of Africa.
26 Indeed a puzzle.
29 Explosive.
31 Feature of a fine night, though there's nothing branny about the sailor.
32 Whence originated "A 1."
34 A palindromic Emperor.
35 Such a place of amusement is a serious fault after a hundred, and in the end there's nothing do.
36 Wine.
37 Seen abast (anag.).
Down
2 It's refreshing and distinctly nutritive.
3 "What — may come, when we have shuffled off this mortal coil."
4 —and latter (a trifle changed) suggests what those dry bones do.
6 Smash, involving the fellow who

can cap the lot of us.
6 A temporary expedient to fashion a shirt.
7 A little noise that may be narrow.
8 Will "Dora" ever celebrate here?
9 A little curiosity.
14 When such police-action loses its head, there's plenty of assistance.
17 Don't applaud so much! It's miserable.
18 An officer rather suggesting a stop-entrance.
19 The obstinate phase of a passion.
20 This into is vic.
23 Yeom.
25 Upshot.
27 Daughter to a Shakespearean King.
28 A town in Wales.
29 Its use may be varied, and there you are!
30 Often returned, though never borrowed.
33 The sort of pen that is not of the fountain type.
Yesterday's Solution.

SOMETIME IN A
PENNY SEARCH
VANGUARD
CANGREPAIR
BUNGLE ROAD
FABLE JEWISH
CANGREPAIR
ADAMANT SHANNON
TIDY
ALEPPO REPEL
MISLE EXILED
ORANGE
NODDED
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TIDY WHOLESALE

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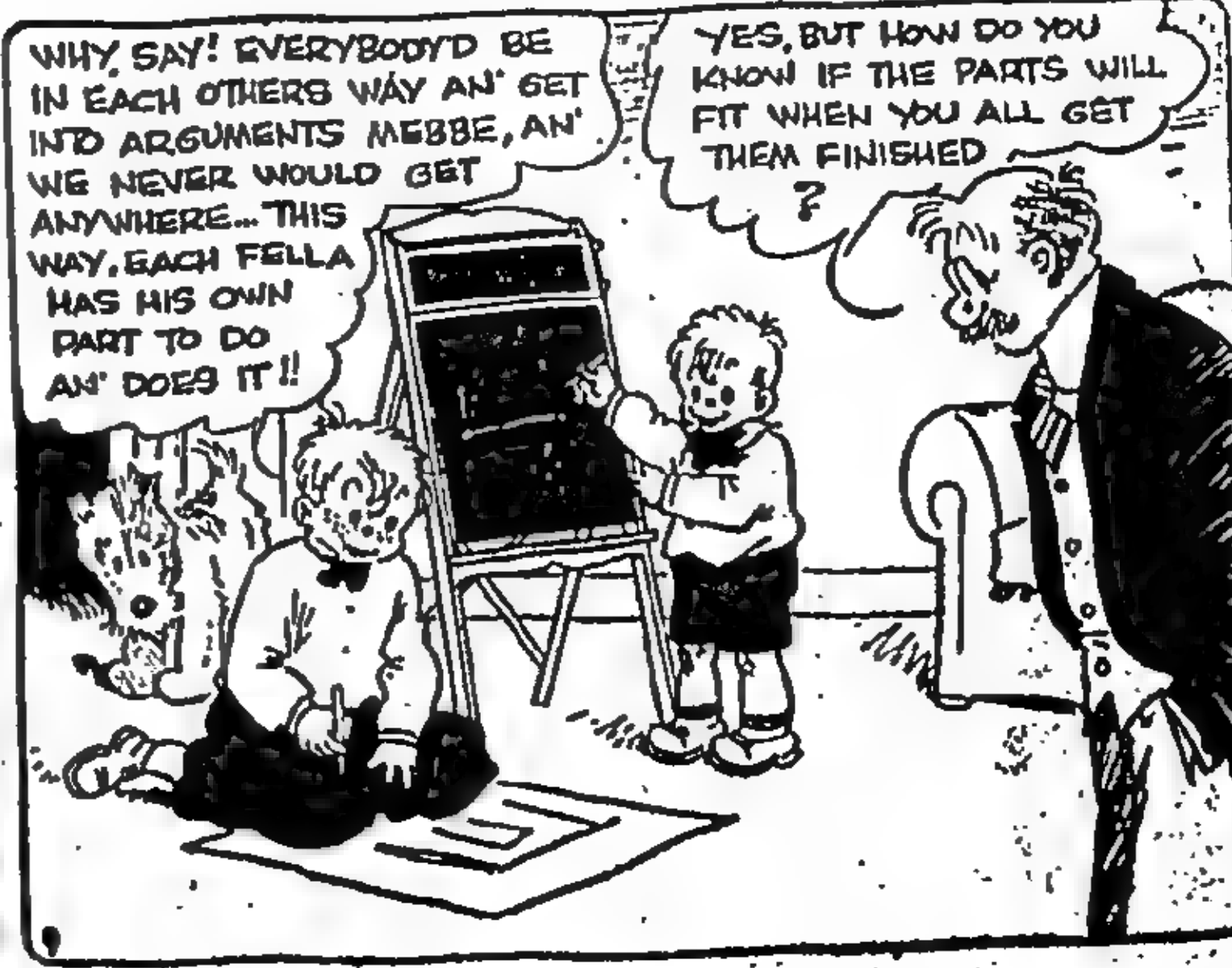
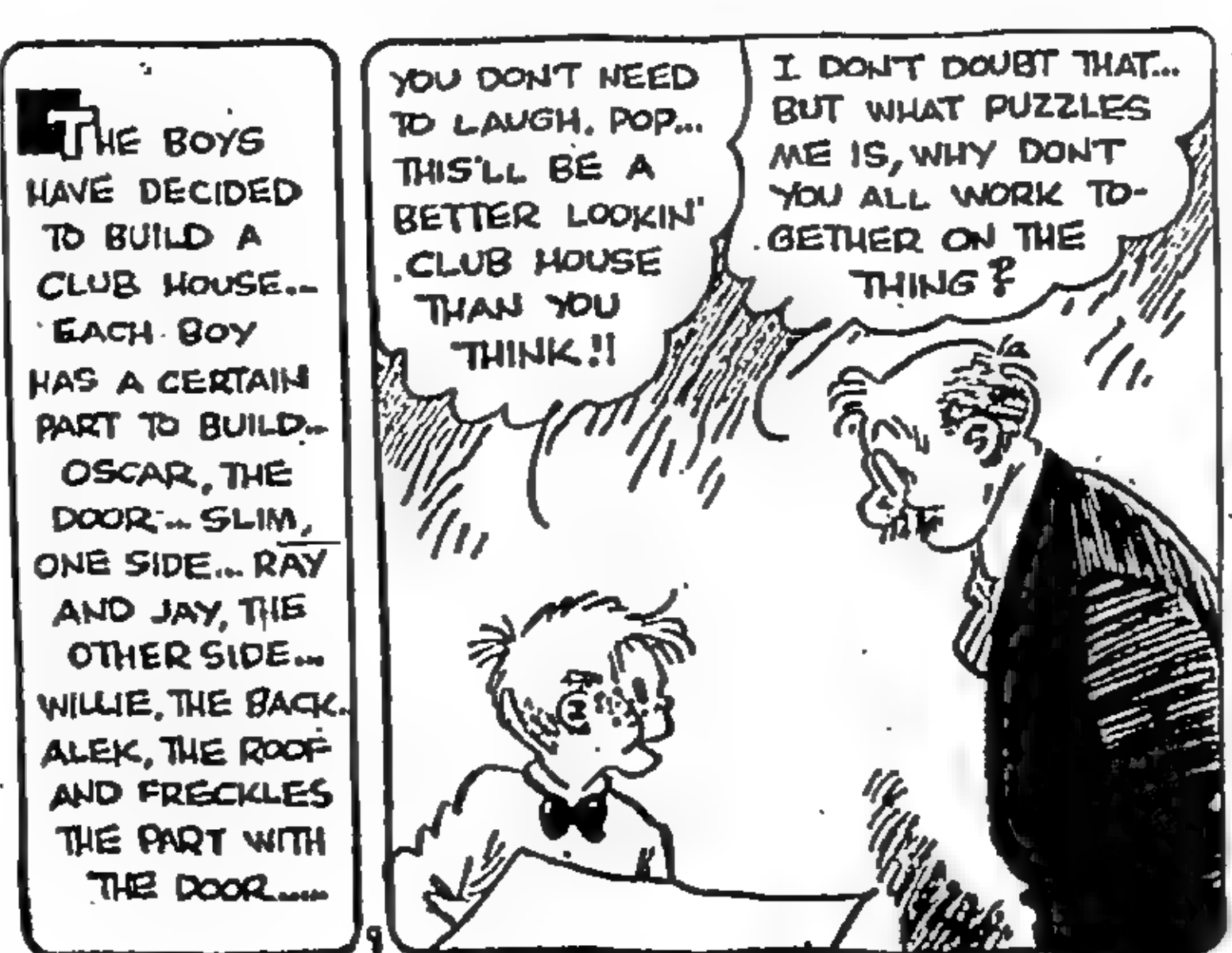
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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1932.

PROPAGANDA NEEDS

The fact that the meningitis epidemic is abating may possibly account for the disinclination of the Sanitary Board, after Tuesday's discussion, to accept Dr. Basto's motion in favour of more effective measures being taken to combat the disease. None the less, we cannot but regret the official attitude on the subject. Dr. Pope rather ridiculed the idea of propaganda being of any value, arguing that the coolie class would not understand it. The obvious answer to that point is that they must be educated up to the laws of hygiene; and how else can that be done except by propaganda? If the ignorance of the public is to be the dominating factor, we might as well cease all attempts to spread knowledge of disease prevention.

Whilst it is true that there is still a great deal to be learned about meningitis, sufficient is known to be able to guide the public along certain elementary lines and thus assist in preventing the scourge from spreading. This intensive propaganda, as advocated by Dr. Basto, in the press, by posters and by public lectures, would obviously have a value. Because meningitis, in the present outbreak has not produced anything like the mortality of tuberculosis, Dr. Pope seems to think that too much fuss has been made of the epidemic. What we have to consider, however, is that meningitis is a much more deadly disease and much more sudden in its attack than tuberculosis is. We all know the terrible death-roll from tuberculosis in this Colony, something like fifty deaths a week, but this rate is fairly constant. To even hint that we must wait until meningitis mortality reaches something approaching that figure, before becoming unduly concerned, is absurd. For various reasons, there can be no comparisons between the two complaints. One is a deadly disease, liable to spring up suddenly and develop with amazing rapidity; the other, we have always with us. We are perfectly at one with Dr. Pope when he urges the necessity for housing reform, and are quite prepared to believe that meningitis largely originates in filthy, overcrowded hovels. The same remarks apply, of course, to tuberculosis. But housing reform is a very slow process in Hongkong, and the question arises what we are to do in the meantime. Something, we contend, can be accomplished by propaganda work in these congested city quarters. It may be slow in taking effect, but eventually it would be found to have a cumulative value. In any case, however small the results they would be better than a policy of inaction. Dr. Basto, in the course of his

speech, went even further than merely dealing with the present outbreak of meningitis. He threw out a most useful suggestion by urging the creation of a Health Propaganda Bureau under the auspices of the Sanitary Department. We are convinced that this idea, in well worthy of serious consideration by the authorities. By the printed and spoken word, the masses can gradually be taught to learn the underlying principles of good health, thus conducting not only to their own good but to that of the general community as well. For some inexplicable reason, however, the authorities never have taken kindly to health propaganda, and we had the same attitude reflected at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. Maybe it will take an epidemic of unusual proportions to rouse them from their lethargy.

Ottawa and Dublin.

The spadework for the Ottawa Conference is nearly completed and the Governments of the British Commonwealth are now looking expectantly forward to the formal opening. This applies even to our friend, Mr. De Valera, who was prompt in despatching his acceptance of the invitation, getting it in before proceeding with his treaty repudiation campaign, which rather suggests that the Irish President does not know exactly what he does want. However, the conference may save the U. K. Government from some embarrassment in its relations with the Irish Government. The Conference will settle the destinies of the British Empire in general and Mr. De Valera will have to decide whether he has any genuine interest in its labours. The Conference has long been the main theme of discussion in the Dominions and, looking through a pile of cuttings from Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, and South African journals, the spirit of goodwill which animates every pronouncement on the subject is striking. There has been nothing like it since the beginning of the Great War when, of most of our philosophic Liberals, the Dominions at once proved themselves willing to make any sacrifice of blood and treasure for the preservation of the Imperial Commonwealth. At Ottawa the word "sacrifice" must be strictly tabooed. Mr. J. H. Thomas, for example, who sometimes drops a brick in his well-meaning way, must refrain from any *ad misericordiam* references to the sacrifices British workers are prepared to make. The official programme of this pivotal imperial gathering is to make business bargains to the mutual advantage of all parties concerned. None the less, if need be, a good deal will be conceded—extra-officially, as it were—to help ensure the future prosperity of the predominant partner. The commercial arrangements proposed will not be discussed by the Dominion representatives in a spirit of commercialism. From the purely commercial point of view, Reciprocity with the United States would always have been advantageous to Canada. Nevertheless, this policy has invariably involved the political suicide of the party leaders who adopted it, however safely entrenched their party seemed to be. Even those citizens of the United States who are well acquainted with "John Canuck" can never understand why it should be so. It is this John Canuck himself, not the Canadian Government, who took the initiative in calling the Ottawa Conference and will represent the senior Dominion in its deliberations. And there will also be present the essential Australian, the essential New Zealander, and the others. It will be a family party, breathing what an overseas journal calls the "ozone of just Imperialism," if the British representatives choose to make it so. If they don't an opportunity will be lost that can never recur; the last of the Sibylline books will have vanished.

The new Rifle Range at Kowloon Tong, presented to the Hong Kong Rifle Club by the Government, and which is now completed and ready for use, was inspected by the President of the Club, Mr. R. M. Dyer, and the members of the Committee, on Tuesday evening, and all were unanimous in their praise of the manner in which the work of construction, under the supervision of Mr. G. Duncan, of the Kowloon Dock Co., had been carried out. The opening day was originally fixed for Saturday, May 7, but has to be postponed until a later date, which will be fixed as soon as possible.

DAY BY DAY

THE TRUE RULE, IN DETERMINING TO EMBRACE OR REJECT ANYTHING, IS NOT WHETHER IT HAVE ANY EVIL IN IT, BUT WHETHER IT HAVE MORE EVIL THAN GOOD. —Lincoln.

The Empress of Canada arrived at Vancouver on Tuesday at 10 p.m.

The fifty-first ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., (General Agents), on Thursday, May 10, at noon.

Among the passengers sailing for the North by the Blue Funnel steamer Hector to-morrow will be Mr. C. M. McDonald, News Editor of the *South China Morning Post*, who is proceeding to Peking, where he will act as correspondent for *The Times*, the *South China Morning Post* and other newspapers.

When the A.P.C. tanker Murex arrived in Singapore from Hongkong, revenue officers from the harbour division of the Monopolies Department made a search and found 1,545 casks of non-Government opium, valued at \$12,000, hidden in the port side coffer dam, an empty tank between two full tanks.

BRAILOWSKY SECRETS OF HIS CHARM

One of the secrets of Alexander Brailowsky's charm is his extraordinary personality, one of the most irresistibly magnetic personalities to be found among living pianists. He is the epitome of an audience's mental image of what a pianist should be. In a day when successful artists are apt to look more like stock brokers than musicians, he has been aptly characterized "the passionate poet of the piano." Tall, dark, slim, romantically stooped, he has fascinatingly slender hands, hair which falls over a high forehead, a gentle courteous manner combined with a "Chopin-like aloofness." It is his personality, as much as his great art, that hypnotizes an audience and draws it back again and again to hear him.

He is a great reader and never travels without a portable library, usually of Russian books, with which to beguile the long hours on the train or boat. He speaks French, German, Spanish, and English as well as his native language. His English is exceptionally good. "I learned it originally in London," he says, "where I played a great deal and now I have the chance here every season for a few months to improve it. Though I am still more familiar with the vocabulary of time tables, restaurants, hotels, and concert halls than with your literature!"

Two years ago he bought one of the historic chateaux of France. Last year he sold it because "it was decorative but dumb." Instead the restless young man bought three houses, one in Brittany, near St. Malo, one in Compiegne, near Paris, and the third in the Auvergne Mountains. "Homes are like music," he explains, "there must be variety to prevent satiety."

In music Brailowsky prefers the romantics—"Chopin, Schumann, Liszt, but especially Chopin."

Brailowsky is to appear at the King's Theatre to-morrow night at 9.30 p.m.

THE GENTLE CRAFT OF THE GRAPE BRICK

By AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT

WITH the aid of a length of rubber tubing I have just finished synthesizing an amber liquid from an oak keg into some three dozen bottles.

The key is labelled "non-alcoholic grape beverage," but a close moment ago with considerable relish, gave that warm glow of comfort which non-alcoholic beverages completely fail to supply.

The physical glow was accompanied by a spiritual glow due to the realization that I was not breaking any law, but was engaged in an operation encouraged by the Administration of the United States which, always solicitous for rural populations, has even aided the grape growers of California by the grant of a Farm Board loan.

When the keg was delivered to me some three months ago by ordinary express delivery the legend non-alcoholic was perfectly accurate. It would have been illegal to transport anything containing more than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol. It would have been illegal had I, of set purpose, manufactured wine from the contents of the keg which I received.

Keeping my mind free from any such intention, I could sit back with perfect legality and watch the hand of God, to use the legal phrase, manifest itself. Two or three days after the keg was delivered the sides of the keg nearly burst. After twenty-four hours the fermentation ceased, leaving a pleasant aromatic smell which itself soon disappeared.

The result is not a vintage wine, it is true. In fact, to be absolutely on the safe side, I must describe it as a non-intoxicating fruit juice. Yet had I been given it to drink in some rural district of the Continent and had I been told that it was the *vin du pays*, I should have lapped it up with the appreciative comments suitable to such occasions. It is certainly a great deal better than the bulk of the *vin ordinaire* sold in the smaller Paris restaurants.

Like every other wine it is, moreover, "non-intoxicating in fact." That is to say, I can drink it without becoming drunk and am therefore protected by Section 29 of the Volstead Act, which has been interpreted by the courts as permitting the drinking in the home of fruit juices even if they contain more than one-half of one per cent. provided that they are not so strong that a jury would decide they were intoxicating.

I cannot give any to my friends, however, except in any home nor can I sell them any, for I should then be infringing other sections of the Volstead Act, to which the one-half of one per cent. definition of what is an alcoholic beverage applies.

If I had wished to be absolutely certain that the keg's contents did not ferment, I should have been most careful not to place it in an even temperature of not lower than 70 degrees for two months, and then should have been equally careful not to move it to a cool spot for another month. But to have neglected these precautions is not a criminal act.

For a time one particular company with great boldness would send a man to look after the kegs, and bottle the product when ready. It became difficult, however, to maintain that the grape juice was not sold with intent to violate the

prohibition law and the company voluntarily abandoned its practice. Henceforth, its customers must buy their grape juice and remain perpetually surprised at the miracle worked upon it when they taste it a few months later.

Some people buy not grape juice but concentrated grape bricks. The bricks have the consistency and appearance of home-made fudge. Each brick is dissolved in a gallon of water and care must be taken to drink the produce in less than a few days, otherwise there is danger of fermentation.

"The natural ferments of the fresh-grape," says the legend on the cover, "are retained intact and fermentation is only suspended while the bricks remain undiluted."

"When the proper quantity of water is added the ferments are activated and rapidly convert the mixture into a clean, wholesome product. In thirty days these perfectly blended grape bricks will produce finished beverages to satisfy the most discriminating tastes."

To be perfectly frank, however, the product of the grape brick bears somewhat the same relation to the grape juice product as lemonade made from crystals bears to that made from fresh lemons.

The grape juice bought in kegs is also "concentrated" to a certain degree. That is to say, some of the water has been evaporated. According to the advertisement of one firm bacteria hampering the work of micro-organisms which cause fermentation are killed so that the whole process is speeded up. Artificial aging is helped by the addition of charcoal.

Both the grape juice and the grape brick can be purchased in various wine flavours—muscatel, tokay, sauterne, rhine wine, port, chateau, burgundy, and also Virginia Dare. This last, apparently the only native American wine, is called after the first white girl born on the soil of the United States.

Virginia was a grand-daughter of John White, despatched by Sir Walter Raleigh to lead his second colonizing expedition. She was born on August 18, 1587. In 1591 when White returned from a visit to England he found no trace of his grand-daughter or of the Colony.

What the wine is like which commemorates this tragedy I do not know. I shall be able to describe it better three months from now.

ENGLISH FOIBLES— A FRENCH VIEW

"GENERALLY speaking, one may say that the English say things that they would not write and that the French write things they would not say." (Pretly)

As a first glimpse of a portrait of ourselves as others see us, this, it must be admitted, invited for its inspection. The portrait in question is a book by a Frenchman who knows us thoroughly and who is as generous as he is witty. Let us make a little collection of his observations.

The Englishman's respect for conventions and traditions may, he suggests, be a little out of proportion to the intrinsic worth of the said conventions and traditions. Thus, one Briton would rather be chopped into mince-meat than be seen playing tennis in braces.

The most horrible of misdeeds, in English eyes, is one that is so difficult of performance as to be rarely or never seen—namely, the cutting of peas with a knife. He heard warnings against the attempting of this feat, but has never actually witnessed it.

Menu French

The young Frenchman is begged to resist the temptation to correct the French of the menu, which is more often than not ridiculous and always contains words misspelled. But he may, without offending his hostess, add salt to his soup and may pass salt and pepper to his neighbour. In France the lady of the house is always a little hurt when she sees attempts at improving a masterpiece.

The law of the survival of the fittest is observed not to apply to cooks in England. A Frenchman judges an hotel by its kitchen, an Englishman judges it by its drains.

Whisky is not natural to the human species, but is an acquired taste. It has inspired great passions, but, unlike wine, no poetry. In English justice it is an elementary principle that the accused is considered innocent until he is proved guilty. "But if he is presumed innocent, why on earth arrest him?" English society is exclusive, yet not absolutely so, as is shown by a letter from a woman to a friend:

"Poor Mr. X is dead. He was a most kindly man and a great help to us in many ways. Of course, poor dear, he was quite vulgar, so we could not know him."

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"He would have been in better shape for that party to-night, if you hadn't taken him to the movies this afternoon."

GLOUCESTER BUILDING

OPENING ON MONDAY NEXT

ARTISTIC PUBLIC ROOMS

When it opens on Monday next, Gloucester Building Apartments will offer to residents one of the most attractive restaurants and private bars in Hongkong. With its many amenities and artistic decorative scheme, it will no doubt become most popular with those who wish to dine and wine amid pleasant surroundings.

Situated on the eighth floor of the huge building, where it commands a magnificent view of the harbour and the city, the restaurant is on the right of the lifts. It is a spacious room, bordered on the one side by a wide verandah which is to be used as a "sitting-out" rendezvous complete with luxurious modern furniture.

PALE GREEN MOTIF.

The general decorative scheme includes plaster motifs in pale green, while sprayed bronze centres add to the attractiveness of the design. The lighting effects are completely up-to-date. The ceiling is in fawn, with panels in a delicate shade of fawn and pale green borders. The plaster mounts are in pale green. The floor, which is highly polished, is also semi-sprung, and will offer an ideal place for dancing.

The kitchen is the last word in modernity, with special attention paid to absolute cleanliness. It is installed with the latest utensils and cookers, as well as a 4-ton freezing plant and an ice-cube making box.

OLD ENGLISH BAR.

The private bar, on the left of the lifts, is decorated in typical old English style, complete with rafters and beautifully paneled walls, all in polished teakwood. The room occupies the whole of the corner of the building overlooking Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road, while from it runs a wide verandah, which will be used for sitting-out, in the summer months. The artistic design of this part of the building is an outstanding feature.

On the floors below are residential rooms, nicely fitted out, each with its own bathroom and modern conveniences. There are single rooms and suites and the former have been so arranged that two or three can be converted into a suite if desired.

The whole of the decorative work has been carried out by Arts and Crafts, Ltd.

HUT FOR GIRL GUIDES**BRIDGE & MAH JONG PARTY**

About 300 ladies were present at a Bridge and Mah-Jong party held yesterday afternoon at the Lusitano Club with the object of raising funds for a Headquarters Hut for the Girl Guides. Mrs. C. A. da Rosa gave away the prizes, after which she was presented with a bouquet by Miss Maria Silva.

The following were the prize-winners:—

Contract Bridge:—Winner, Mrs. Grossman; Hidden No., Mrs. Rofey; Booby Prize, Miss Jean Lyons.

Auction Bridge:—Winner, Mrs. Stearns; Hidden No., Mrs. Sutton; Booby Prize, Mrs. Donald Forbes.

Mah-Jong:—Winner, Mrs. Jano; Hidden No., Mrs. Jex; Booby prize, Mrs. Tobias.

Raffles:—1st prize, No. 1565 (Nudist); 2nd prize, No. 988 (Dr. Bunle); 3rd prize, No. 615 (A. M. Bowes-Smith); 4th prize, No. 2347 (Mrs. Danbury).

U.S. BASEBALL**LEAGUE LEADERSHIP CHANGES**

New York, Apr. 27. Chicago in the National and New York in the American take the lead to-day as the result of matches played as follows:

National League.	
Cincinnati	6
Chicago	8
American League.	
Detroit	3
St. Louis	1

Snatching into the cabin of Sub-Lieut. G. R. Carver whilst the officer was resting yesterday afternoon, an unemployed Chinese stole from a table \$3.32 in the result of which the man was promptly arrested before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning the man was sentenced to one month's hard labour on the larceny charge and fined \$10 or ten days' imprisonment for trespassing.

LATE MR. BRODIE CLARKE**SHANGHAI BEQUESTS IN WILL**

Bequests to various charitable institutions, including the Anti-Kidnapping Society of Shanghai, and to servants, are contained in the will of the late Mr. Brodie Augustus Clarke, broker, formerly Managing Director of Messrs. Hopkings, Dunn and Co., Ltd., No. 48, Szechuen Road, Shanghai, who died in the northern port on September 30, last year.

Hongkong estate amounts to \$56,900 while the net value of estate sworn at Shanghai is £13,335, 324/98.

Re-sealing of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. F. E. Nash, of Messrs. Wos and Nash, who is attorney for two executors, Mr. P. C. Inglis of Shanghai, (testator's nephew) and Mr. K. E. Newman, senior partner of Messrs. Teesdale, Newman and McDonald, Shanghai. A stenographer and typist in the firm, Annie Macbeth, was appointed executrix but she did not wish to prove the will.

Testator sets out a list of individual bequests and confirms a gift to Annie Macbeth, made in 1922, of the land and property known as "The Follies," Hungjiao Road, Shanghai. He also bequeathes to her all his silverware, motor car, Scottish jewellery and \$100,000.

In addition, testator gives the following amount:—To the Nairn Town and County Hospital, Scotland, \$1,000; to St. Dunstan's Hospital for Blind Soldiers and Sailors, London, \$1,000; to the Sailors' War Orphans' Fund, London, \$500; to the Anti-Kidnapping Society of Shanghai at Kiangwan, \$500; to St. Andrew's Society Charity Fund, Shanghai, \$1,000; to the King's Fund for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers, London, \$1,000; to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Shanghai, \$500; to the Riksha Fund, Shanghai, \$500.

Other bequests ranging from \$200 to \$5,000 are made to various burs and office servants.

Testator directs that the residue of his estate shall go absolutely to his sister, Louisa Augusta Clarke, of Shanghai.

OTHER WILLS.—The late Mr. Joseph Robson Hodgson, retired marine engineer, who died at "Shanghai," Runswick, York, England, on August 17, last year, left Hongkong estate worth \$43,400. He was formerly of Ash Villa, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, England.

Re-sealing of certified copy of the will has been granted to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Denisons, who is attorney for the surviving executor, Mr. H. E. Teale.

The will contains a number of family bequests.

Local estate worth \$181,800 was left by the late Wong Lee or Li-hing, alias Won Sau-chee, alias Wong King Shan Tong, retired merchant, who died at No. 80, Caine Road, on February 5, 1931, being survived by his widow, seven sons and one grandson.

Probate of the will has been granted to the widow, Cheng Kwai-hing, of the Caine Road address, who is the sole executrix named in the will, which contains family bequests.

CATHEDRAL BOMB INCIDENT**WILFUL MURDER VERDICT**

A verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown was returned by the jury which investigated the death of Tsai Yuen, who was killed recently by an explosion in the courtyard of St. John's Cathedral.

The inquiry was resumed before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning.

After hearing further evidence, the Coroner reviewed the testimony given by witnesses and in commenting upon the law said that if a man did anything unlawful and by accident or without intention caused the death of somebody, it may be manslaughter or murder. In the present instance, the unlawful act was, he supposed, the possession or the making of the bomb, which had killed the deceased. If it were proved that the bomb had been in the possession of anybody in particular, that person would be liable to be charged with murder.

Continuing, the Coroner said he thought, therefore, that the only verdict that could be arrived at in the present inquiry was that Tsai Yuen had been wilfully murdered by some person or persons unknown.

The Foreman of the Jury:—The gentlemen of the jury, your Worship, don't think it was wilful murder.

The Coroner then quoted definitions of what constituted murder. The Foreman:—In there any difference between murder and wilful murder?

YOUNG POLICE OFFICER**DEATH OF SERGEANT COLEMAN**

The death occurred at the Kowloon Hospital at 9.15 this morning of Lance Sergeant R. A. Coleman, of the Hongkong Police Force.

Coming from the Channel Islands, in the island of Guernsey of which he was a native, the late Robin Arthur Coleman was a son of Mr. F. A. Coleman, former light-house keeper in the Hongkong Government Service now retired and living with his wife at Hastings, Sussex. The deceased joined the Force as a Constable on November 22, 1924, being promoted Lance-Sergeant in the following year. He was proficient in Cantonese and Hindustani, a zealous and indefatigable officer, and was held in high esteem by his superiors. For a time he served on the detective staff, later going on regular duty and being for the greater part of the time until his death, stationed in the New Territories. His last post was at Shatoukai.

Last Tuesday, the deceased had to go into the hospital for treatment of some throat affection, after having previously been down with measles and having only a short time before been discharged from another hospital. His condition at the Kowloon Hospital, in consequence of the throat trouble, became critical and he passed away rather suddenly this morning. He was only 38 years of age.

The greatest sympathy will go to his parents, and to his widow, who is resident in Hongkong with one of their two children. The elder, a lad of six years, is at home receiving treatment for the distressing after-effects of an attack of meningitis, which has left him crippled.

Of tall stature, the late Sergt. Coleman was greatly liked by his colleagues and a wide circle of friends, who will be saddened to hear of his untimely demise. The funeral takes place this afternoon, the remains to be brought over in a motor-hearse from Kowloon, and timed to arrive at the Stubbs Road junction at 5 p.m., being interred in the upper terrace of the Protestant Cemetery which will be entered by the Stubbs Road gate. Full honours will be accorded the deceased.

TEN STROKES FOR LAD**MOTHER REQUESTS MORE**

The case of a perverse lad who would not behave himself was presented in the light of a problem to Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court to-day.

The boy, aged 15, was charged with the unlawful possession of a fountain pen and a pencil, believed by the police to have been stolen, from the fact that he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation among the many different versions he told a detective.

Although no official record was forthcoming of a previous misdemeanour—it was stated that the finger-prints may have been lost—the mother of the culprit vouched for the fact that last year, in December, he had committed a somewhat like offence, and was given a whipping.

She further volunteered the statement that although work had been provided for him, he would go out gallivanting, and come home in the evening minus his shoes and socks, or other wearing apparel that would have otherwise made him a respectable-looking citizen.

"I can do nothing with him," she declared to the Magistrate. His Worship (to the lad):—Look here, I am going to give you a beating this time. You have started a dangerous line of life, and I want you to give it up altogether. You will end up spending a long time in gaol if you are not careful.

The mother:—The last time he got 12 strokes he stayed away from home for days. When he finally returned, he was in a worse looking condition than before.

His Worship:—He will be arrested if he does not return this time. He takes ten strokes now, to make him remember that some more are coming to him by-and-by.

The mother:—Give him more! His Worship responded to the appeal by enjoining on the official carrying out the sentence to "be sure to make em good ones."

The Coroner:—I don't think so. Murder is always wilful in charges. Accidental murder is really manslaughter.

The Foreman:—Having heard the definitions, I think we can return a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

LOCAL WEDDING**AMERICAN COUPLE MARRIED THIS MORNING**

A very pretty wedding, of particular interest to the American community, was celebrated in the Union Church, at Kennedy Road, this morning, when Miss Elizabeth Carter, of California, was married to Mr. John Rod Moffett, an American resident of Shanghai.

The bride looked charming in a green sports dress, with a white belt and carried a bouquet of yellow flowers. She was attended by Mrs. Ballentine, the wife of Lieutenant S. S. Ballentine, of the United States Marine Corps, as matron-of-honour, and the best man was Mr. Geoffrey Lummett. Among those present was Mr. Donald Edgar, of the United States Consulate.

A wedding breakfast was subsequently held at Repulse Bay Hotel, and a cocktail party and informal reception in honour of the newly-married couple is being held at 7 o'clock this evening at Repulse Bay Hotel, given by Mrs. Ballentine.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffett will spend their honeymoon at Repulse Bay and later in the Philippines, leaving for Manila on Saturday.

CHINESE TRADE EXHIBITION.**RECOMMENDATION TO CHAMBER MEETING**

A recommendation for the establishment of an international products fair of a permanent nature at the premises of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was suggested by Mr. Tze-chung of the Bank of Canton, at the monthly meeting yesterday afternoon of this Chamber, at which Mr. Wong Kwong-tin presided and was supported by the Secretary, Mr. Lee Wen-kam.

Mr. Li Tze-chung said that the exhibition would provide an unprecedented opportunity for the manufacturers of Chinese products to obtain new business connections with representatives of firms abroad, and meanwhile it would furnish closer co-operation between distributors and manufacturers. By exhibiting foreign products of a similar nature to the native products the comparison would encourage improvement in the Chinese methods while simultaneously representatives of foreign firms desirous of obtaining an idea of the Chinese products in the New Territories and Hongkong could reach their objects by going to this fair.

The Export Business. Regretting the falling off in the amount of Chinese exports abroad, as due to the slackness and lack of modern management among the Chinese manufacturers, the speaker mentioned the British Government's recent announcement of preference to British and Dominion products which he said included goods manufactured in Hongkong, as an opportunity for the Chinese to improve their exporting business. Reference was also made of the organization of the Empire Products Fair in Kowloon as an example which should be followed by the Chinese merchants.

Other members participated in the discussion and they generally agreed with Mr. Li's recommendation for the Chamber to take the lead in organising the fair, which should exhibit the latest native products and also foreign goods. One member pointed out that the organisation of the fair would bring the Chamber in closer relation with the Chinese manufacturers and guilds which desired to push their trade.

The meeting subsequently elected a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Li Tze-chung, Mok Ying-kwai, Wong Tong, Chung Kat-shing, Shin Pui-kwan, Lai Yam-shuen, Mr. Man-fai Kwee, Chun Chey Cheong, and Leung Yew-cho to work up a general plan for the organisation of the fair.

RULING THE SPIRIT WORLD**SIR O. LODGE ON DEMAND FOR CREATOR**

Sir Oliver Lodge, speaking at Christ Church, Westminster, said that the material world was not the permanent part of existence, and he had found, and was finding every day, more and more strongly that the great reality was the spiritual world, a world which still, perhaps, needed some physical mechanism, but did not need materialism.

"The material universe is a great work of art," he continued, "full of design and plan, though I do not know what it means. That universe, as a work of art, demands a creator; a being who is in and of the spiritual world, and, we believe, rules that spiritual world to some purpose."

"I find that spiritual world is a great reality. All else, however, beautiful and interesting, is temporary and evanescent."

PARLIAMENTARY ACT**COMMONS REFUSES TO AMEND.**

London, Apr. 27. The House of Commons, by 204 votes to four, refused leave for the introduction of a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Act—British Wireless.

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The Flying Dutchman—Senta's Ballad (Wagner) Elisabeth Reiberg. 6701.

Tannhauser—Fest March (Wagner). Lohengrin—Prelude to Act 2 (Wagner) Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock. 7380.

Fair Maid of Perth—The Flame of Love (Bizet). 6701.

Damnation of Faust—While You Play at Sleeping (Berlioz). Marcel Journet (Bass). 1123.

6.30-6.55 p.m. Orchestral. The Rose (arr. Myddleton). The London Palladium Orchestra. C2001.

Minuet (Beethoven). 18th Century Dance (Josef Haydn). Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. 7250.

Nautical Moments (arr. Winter). The London Palladium Orchestra. C1854.

7 p.m. (Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.). 6.55-7.30 p.m. A Concert. Piano Solo—Shepherd's Hey (Granger).

Piano Solo—Passepied (Debussy). Oompah Gabilowitch. 1005.

Song—Serenade (Schubert). Song—Calm As The Night (Bohm). Louise Homer (Contralto). 6703.

Violin Solo—Praeludium Serenade (Lehar-Kreisler). Violin Solo—Kreisler Serenade (Lehar). Fritz Kreisler. 1158.

Song—The Irish Emigrant (Dufferin-Barley). Song—By the Short Cut to the Roses (Hopner-Pox). John McCormack (Tenor). 1528.

String Bass Solo—Minuet in a G (Beethoven). String Bass Solo—Valse Miniature (Koussevitzy). 1476.

7.30-8 p.m. Variety. Humorous Song—Take a Look at Mine. Gracie Fields. B2965.

Humorous Monologue—The Story of William Tell. Henry Burbig. 22605.

Piano Solo—Wake Up And Dream—Medley. Carroll Gibbons. B3031.

Song—Concentration! Mildred Bailey (Comedienne). 22880.

Vocal Trio—In the Cumberland Mountains. Bud and Joe Billings and Carson Robison. 22852.

Piano Solo—Shack's Funny That Way. Carroll Gibbons. B3031.

Humorous Song—Hot Pot. Gracie Fields. B3008.

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report. 8.30-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News. 10.33 p.m. Close Down.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.**OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.**

With the exception of cements, which appear to be receiving strong support, and one or two other counters, the rest of the list shows little animation. On the other hand, buyers are readily found on any recession in the investment section.

Sales.

Kailan Mining Ad 25/8
Providents (New) \$2.35
Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13.15
Telephones (P.P.) \$24

Buyers.

Douglases \$27
Benguet Explorations 30 cents.
Wharves \$143
Providents (Old) \$4.90
Providents (New) \$2.30
Hongkong Lands \$76
Hongkong Realities \$11.60
Chinese Estates \$96.75
Hongkong Trams \$21.5
Yamati Perries \$34.5 X. Div.
China Lights (Old) \$21
Hongkong Electric \$73.8
Macao Electric \$24
Telephones (P.P.) \$24
Cements (Combined) \$18.70
Lane, Crawfords (Old) \$5.80
Mackintosh \$18 X. Div.
Constructions (Old) \$5.5
Constructions (New) \$1.5
Govt. Loans \$4.5 Premium.
Kailan Mining Ad 25/8
South China Motors "B" \$12
Hongkong Trams \$22.5
South China Enterprises \$0

BRITISH TARIFFS.**NECESSITY FOR TAX ON TEA STOCKS**

London, Apr. 27. During the debate in the House of Commons on the Tea Duty the Government spokesman said that ten stocks in the country were sufficient for six months supply, and that if these stocks were not taxed the revenue would lose \$1,700,000.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

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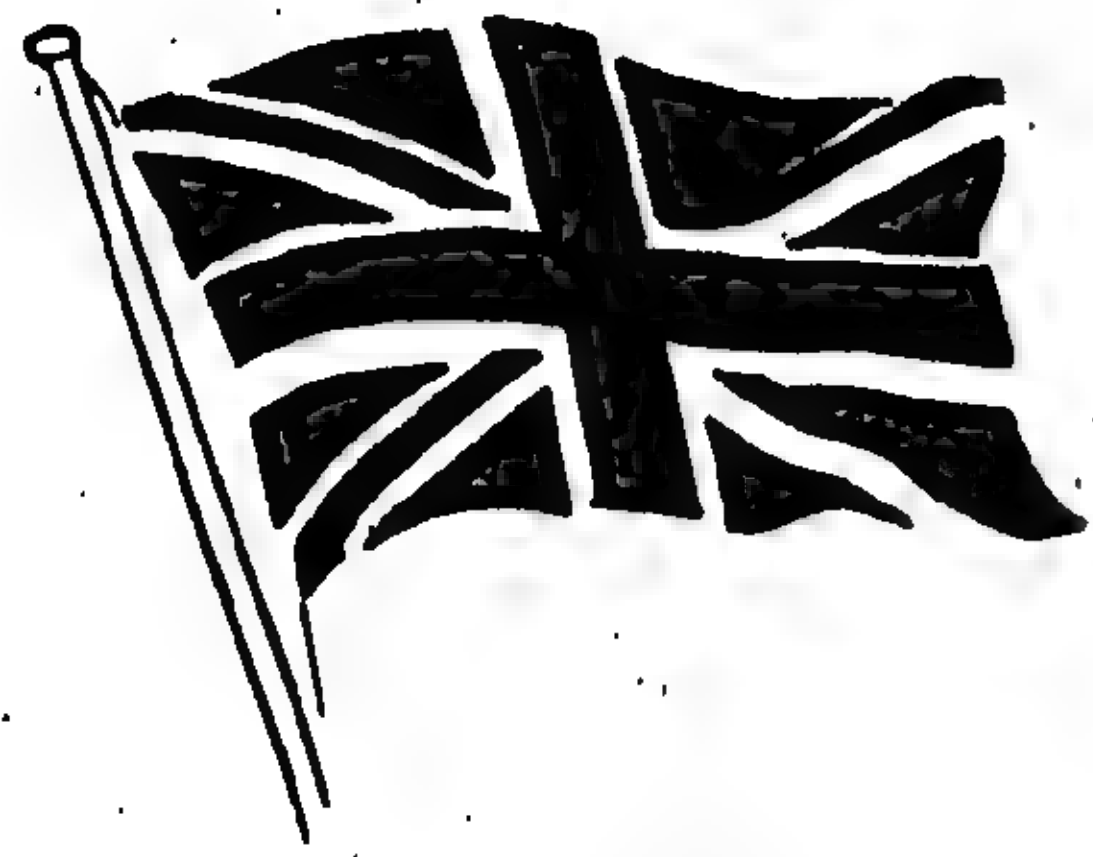
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ROWING CONTEST.

12th BATTERY WINS R. A. ROWING CUP

The boat race for the Royal Artillery Rowing Cup was contested yesterday in ideal conditions, though the harbour was a bit choppy. The race is confined to the Artillery, and the 12th, 31st, and 20th Batteries entered two boats each.

The course was over a distance of two thousand yards. The boats all got off to an excellent start, and for the first three hundred yards or so were all bunched together. Gradually, however, three boats, Nos. 14 (20th), 13 (12th) and 12 (12th B crew) shot to the fore.

About half way through, these three boats were all level, and fighting a great race. It seemed to be anyone's but, nearing the finishing point, No. 13 was seen to be overtaking No. 14, while No. 12 dropped back a bit. Eventually No. 13 won by about a boat's length from No. 14, and No. 12 was a boat's length behind No. 14.

No. 13 boat was rowed by men from the 12th Battery; No. 14 by the 20th Battery and No. 12 by the B crew of the 12th Battery.

The time taken for the race was 10 minutes 7 secs. This is the second year in succession that the 12th Battery has won the race.

At the conclusion, Mrs. K. F. Dunsterville presented the Cup and prizes to the winning crew at the Yacht Club.

Battery	Boat No.
1-12th Battery (A crew)	13
2-20th. " (A crew)	14
3-12th. " (B crew)	12
4-31st. " (A crew)	5
5-20th. " (B crew)	11
6-31st. " (B crew)	9

SERVICE FOOTBALL.

KENT BEAT CORNWALL IN SEMI-FINAL

Playing in the semi-final of the United Services football senior competition, the Kent beat the Cornwall by three clear goals yesterday. The line out was as under:

Kent—Longley; Little and Frame; Schofield, Greenland and McLean; Flindall, Hills, Stephenson, Haywood and Green.

Cornwall—Botterill; Baker and Smith; Davey, Tugwell and Sturdivant; Rogers, Coxon, Hanson, Parlington and Stevens.

H. M. S. Kent won by three goals to nil.

The final match in the senior competition between H.M.S. Kent and the Royal Artillery will be played on the Club ground to-morrow, kick off at 4.30 p.m.

MAMAK HOCKEY.

The match between the Incognitos and St. Andrew's in the Mamak Tournament arranged for yesterday was cancelled, as the

LOCAL FOOTBALL

PLAY-OFF FOR THE RUNNERS-UP

KOWLOON V. S.W.B.

The League Management Committee of the H.K. F. A. have decided that the play-off Runners-Up of the First Division of the League, Kowloon V. S.W.B., will take place on the Hongkong Football Club ground on Saturday April 30th. Kick off at 5 p.m. sharp. Extra Time will be played if necessary. The Referee will be Sgt. Canwell and the Linesman: S. M. Fieldhouse R. A. and R.P.O. Durlington.

At the conclusion of this match trophies and replicas will be presented to the winning teams in each division. Representatives from the R.N., S.W.B., Argyls, and R.A.F. should be present to receive their cups.

Points have been awarded to the first-named teams:—

1st Division.—Navy v. St. Joseph's.

2nd Division.—12th Batt. R.A. v. H.K. Club. Navy v. University (two matches.) Argyls v. University, and 12th Batt. v. University.

3rd Division.—R.E. v. St. Joseph's. The League Management Committee also decided that the records of the Argyls in the First Division of the League be expunged from the table.

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

HOCKEY CLUB V R.A.O.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team v. R.A.O.C. at Club Ground, King's Park, on Friday, April 29, at 6.15 p.m.:

E. S. Moses, H. G. D. Lowe, F. W. Allen, J. E. Potter, E. G. Dale, H. Owen-Davies, R. W. Sapsed, (Captain), W. A. Nowers, S. Hill, A. N. Other, G. F. Rees.

Club v. Argyls.

The following will represent The Hong Kong Hockey Club 2nd XI against the Argyls and Sutherland Highlanders on the Club Ground on Monday at 5.20 p.m.:—E. S. Moses, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan, H. J. D. Lowe, E. G. S. Dale, J. E. Potter, L. D. Kilbee, S. J. H. Fox, W. A. Nowers, W. E. Williams and E. C. Fincher.

Incognitos could not field a complete team. They have since conceded a walk-over to St. Andrew's, thus assuring the runners up position in the tournament to the Central British Association.

SPRING RACING.

ORWELL CAPTURES THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

London, Apr. 27.
The first day of the Spring meeting at Newmarket was held to-day, the chief event being the three-year-old classic, the Two Thousand Guineas. The race resulted:

Orwell 1
Dastur 2
Hesperus 3

Betting: Evens Orwell, 10/1 Dastur, 25/1 Hesperus.

There were 11 starters. Won by two lengths with a length and a half between second and third.

The Spring Two-Year-Old, which was also decided resulted:

Sunny Anna 1
Lady Hurry Filly 2
Tartan 3

Betting: 9/4 Lady Hurry Filly, 4/1 Sunny Anna, 8/1 Tartan.

There were 12 starters. Won by half a length with three lengths between second and third.—Reuter.

ENGLISH FOIBLES A FRENCH VIEW

(Continued from Page 6.)

In London, but we shall meet in Heaven, no doubt."

The youthful Frenchman is warned of the unutterable repugnance felt in England for detachable starched cuffs. The reason for their prejudice? Well, they seem calculated to give the impression that the wearer's shirt is fresher than it really is. The practice of wearing them is akin to that of the green-grocer whose biggest strawberries are at the top of the basket.

"Am I, then, to conclude from their horror for the detachable starched cuff an equal horror for the detachable starched collar?"

"Not at all; you are to conclude nothing."

The English declare "Britons never shall be slaves," but set it to music to show that it is only a song.

"In England people try to do themselves as well as possible; in France as economically as possible."

Everyone knows that Frenchmen exaggerate and that Englishmen incline to understate the case.

Typical English idioms: *Thanks most awfully; it was killingly funny; you made me jump out of my skin.*

To end, one of the nicest of the many kind things the author has to say about us:

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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Samuel Goldwyn, one of the pioneers of the picture industry, pays tribute to the late David Belasco, the grand old man of the American Theatre, in bringing to the screen "To-night or Never," the romantic comedy starring Gloria Swanson, which comes to the Central Theatre to-day. For "To-night or Never" was the last production Belasco ever made, the last hit of that long list of theatrical successes which had made him a proverb in the theatre for forty years.

The picture version of this play by Lili Hatvany which closed David Belasco's career was carefully handled throughout to perfection. The Belasco tradition of painstaking care down to the slightest production detail was maintained. Ernest Vajda, the adapter, and Willy Fogarty, the scene-designer, are both Hungarians selected to make sure that the atmosphere of Budapest, where the story is laid, is meticulously accurate.

With the exception of putting Miss Swanson in the leading role, all the major characters are played by the same actors who played them in the Belasco stage production. And Melvyn Douglas, the leading man whom Belasco signed a year in advance of production as the perfect actor for the role of the mysterious young American hero, has turned into one of the finds of the year in Hollywood.

"Black Coffee."

Austin Trevor, who plays Poirot in "Black Coffee" which is showing at the Queen's Theatre has been aptly christened "The William Powell of the British Screen." When Powell makes his entrance in a picture there is immediately an excited buzz from the audience, which translated into words would appear to mean, "Ah! Now I'm going to enjoy this film." Exactly the same buzz heralds Austin Trevor's entrance.

His good looks, his charm, and his attractive French accent (assumed,

although he speaks French like a native) are fast making Austin Trevor England's favourite star. His talkie debut was made at Twickenham in "At the Villa Rose," as Hannud, the French detective, in which he was immediately acclaimed as a star. He himself, however, was not altogether satisfied with his proficiency in the new technique (he was, of course, well known on the stage at this time), and in order to gain experience, accepted small parts in "The W. Plan," "The Man from Chicago," and "Escape." He promptly ran away with the honours in all these pictures, and was immediately snapped up again by Julius Hagen to play in "Alibi." So successful was his characterization as Hercule Poirot in this film that "Black Coffee" another Poirot adventure story, was bought for him, and audiences will agree that this confidence in Austin Trevor is fully justified.

"Skyline." "I would rather play a minor role in a picture with a strong story and a director who possesses imagination than I would to star in a picture with an uninteresting story and inferior direction," declared Hardie Albright, during the filming of his featured role in "Skyline," the Fox drama now showing at the King's Theatre.

"Skyline" is a picture of modern life, and tells the story of a young fellow, who learns from his mother on her deathbed, that the brutal barge captain he has always considered his father is only his step-father. He then goes to the city and works on a skyscraper in course of construction by his real father whom he does not know, but hates. He falls in love, and when the father reveals himself a striking climax is reached.

Maureen O'Sullivan, Myrna Loy and Donald Dillaway are also featured.

"West of Broadway."

All of the thrills in the making of motion pictures are not filmed by the camera. One of these unprogrammed thrills, touched with tragedy, occurred during the making of location scenes for "West of Broadway." John Gilbert's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle which will come on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre. The

exciting experience, involving the death of one man, almost resulted in the death of two more, as Ralph Bellamy, featured player, being hurled over a 900-foot cliff in a closed automobile.

On the way to the location on the top of Ont Mountain, California, some 5,000 feet above sea level, gained by ten miles of tortuous roads, Miss Moran and Bellamy noticed that the driver of the car in which they were riding appeared unusually quiet and uncommunicative. They thought nothing of it, however, until they reached the top of a steep grade overlooking the location site. There the car suddenly became out of control and started like a wild locomotive down the side of the mountain. Realizing that the man at the wheel was unconscious, Miss Moran and Bellamy sought to check the mad flight of the tumbling car, headed down the slope for a "jump-off" some 900 feet deep. As the car bolted madly, the driver, by some subconscious or superhuman effort, managed to shut off the ignition, killing the engine. On the apron of the cliff tree, car crashed into a wild circle and finally came to a halt not more than fifty feet from the drop to certain oblivion. The driver toppled from his seat lifeless, the victim of a fatal heart attack.

Harry Beaumont directed the new Gilbert picture from an original story by Ralph Graves and Beaumont. Included in the cast are Madge Evans, El Brendel, Frank Conroy, Gwen Lee and Hedda Hopper.

"Delicious."

The public, remembering Janet Gaynor's wistful appeal in "Sunny Side Up," and recalling Bebe Daniels' colourful "Rio Rita," suddenly has awakened with a hunger to hear its favourites sing again. With "Delicious," romantic drama with songs, Fox Films have led off with what is said to be a definite trend in Hollywood to bring good music to the screen. "Delicious" in which Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell are co-starred, is based on an original story by Guy Bolton which in itself is said to be strong enough for real screen drama. But inasmuch as the locales pictured include the colourful puzan-

try of the storeroom on a great liner and the festive gaiety of a Russian cafe in New York, songs enter quite logically into its telling. For this reason, George Gershwin, best known for his classic of modern composition, "Rhapsody in Blue" and perhaps the most famous of all American composers, wrote six original melodies especially for the production which will have its local first showing at the King's Theatre, beginning next Sunday.

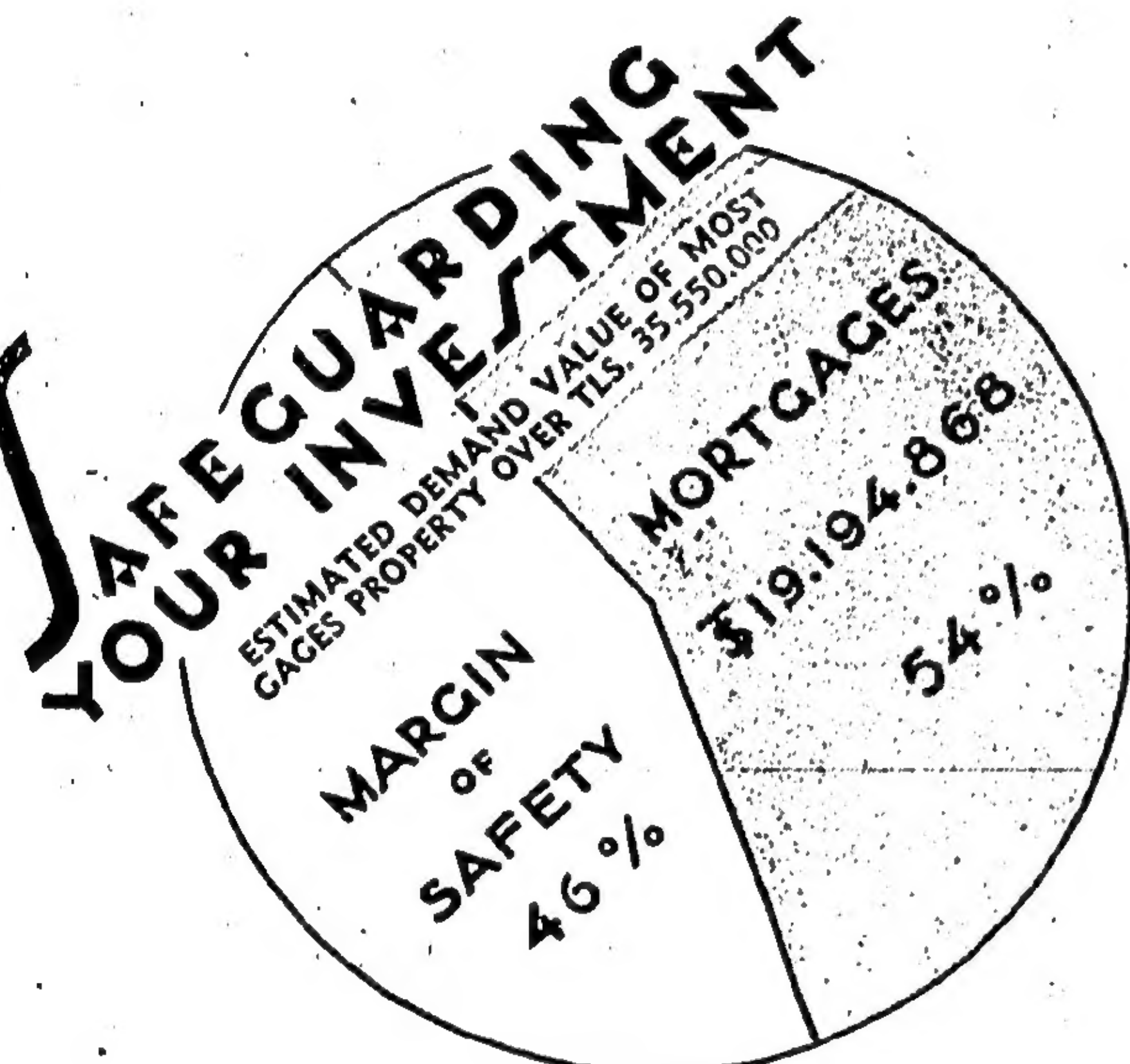
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The eighth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Ferry Company was held at the China Restaurant, Des Voeux Road Central, yesterday, and, as expected, was well attended, over 160 shareholders being present.

Mr. Lo Chung-kuo, the Chairman of the Board, presided and was supported by Messrs. Kwok Chuen, Wong Hing-suen, Chan Kam-yung, Wong Choy-hoo, Choy Wai-hung and Li Yick-mul, (directors).

The Chairman referred to the untimely death of Mr. Lau King-cho, one of the Managing Directors of the Company and extended the sympathy of the shareholders to the relatives.

In proposing the adoption of the balance sheet, the Chairman stated that 1931 had been an eventful year in the history of the Company.

Although the net earnings for the year were very satisfactory, he regretted that there was a considerable loss on the running of the Kowloon City and Shaukiwan Services.

Share Values Jump.

During the year under review the value of the Company's shares on the stock exchanges rose by leaps and bounds, one of the reasons for this being the awarding of the vehicular and passenger ferry license between Hongkong and Gordon Road, Mongkok and Shamshuipo to this Company for a term of 15 years by the Government. The tenders for this service were submitted on the 4th January this year. The Board of Directors entrusted the actual work to the Managing Director Mr. Lau Tak-po, Dr. Kwan Sum-yin and Mr. Lo Chung-kuo. The tender was submitted after a very careful review of the Company's progress during the past eight years, the receipts and earnings, and I am glad to say our efforts and your trust in us were duly rewarded.

In order to carry out the terms of our tender your Board of Directors have placed an order with the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company Limited for the construction of three combined vehicular and passenger ferry vessels at the cost of \$597,000 each making together a total sum of 1,791,000. These vessels to be built and ready for service by 1st January, 1933. During the working year delivery was taken of the two big steel double ended ferry vessels built for this Company by Messrs. Kwong Pook Cheung. The vessels being named the "Man To" and "Man Wai".

New Capital.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the General Meeting on the 30th June 1931, the Board of Directors (as soon as they had been informed by the Government that the Company's tender had been accepted) issued 20,000 new shares for subscription amongst the Company's shareholders in the proportion of one share to two old shares at \$20 each (\$10 being premium). These new shares are being rapidly taken up, and the shareholders are reminded that all subscriptions must be paid to the Company's Bankers by the 30th April 1932.

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Prospects Extremely Bright.

The prospects of the Company are extremely bright and with the completion of these new piers the future prosperity of the Company is assured.

Mr. So Tse Pan in seconding the adoption of the Balance sheet, congratulated the Directors, and

the Balance sheet was passed unanimously.

Mr. Lau Tak Po proposed that Messrs. Lo Chung Kue and Kwan Sum Yin be re-elected Directors for the year 1932 without the usual ballot.

Mr. Chan Kwan Ting in seconding, paid sterling tribute to the services of these shareholders, and the resolution was passed without dissent.

On the proposal of Mr. Lau Tak Po, seconded by Mr. Lau Yin Chuen, Mr. Li Tung was re-elected as Auditor.

In terminating the meeting the Chairman announced that the Dividends would be ready for payment at the Company's offices to-day.

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"Don't go on please," she begged.

"You mean there is no use going on? You mean that there is someone else?"

He attempted to make his tone light, but anguish gripped him and he turned away. He had not known until then how she could make him suffer, a young girl of whose very existence he had been unaware two weeks before.

"No, I don't mean that exactly," Ellen said jerkily. "I'm not engaged to anyone if that's what you're asking."

At the moment she was too confused to know clearly what she was saying. How easy everything would be if only she could say the one word! Her mother and Mike and Myra—what things she could do for them as Mrs. Steven Barclay.

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Mr. Leo Wen-kam, the Secretary, told the meeting that sometime ago a Hongkong firm, Messrs. Kwong Tat-yuen, a dealer in foreign paper, complained to the Chamber about a consignment of paper being seized on its arrival in Canton. The firm contended that the paper was not Japanese in origin. Following this protest the Chamber communicated with the Canton authorities and explained the whole affair.

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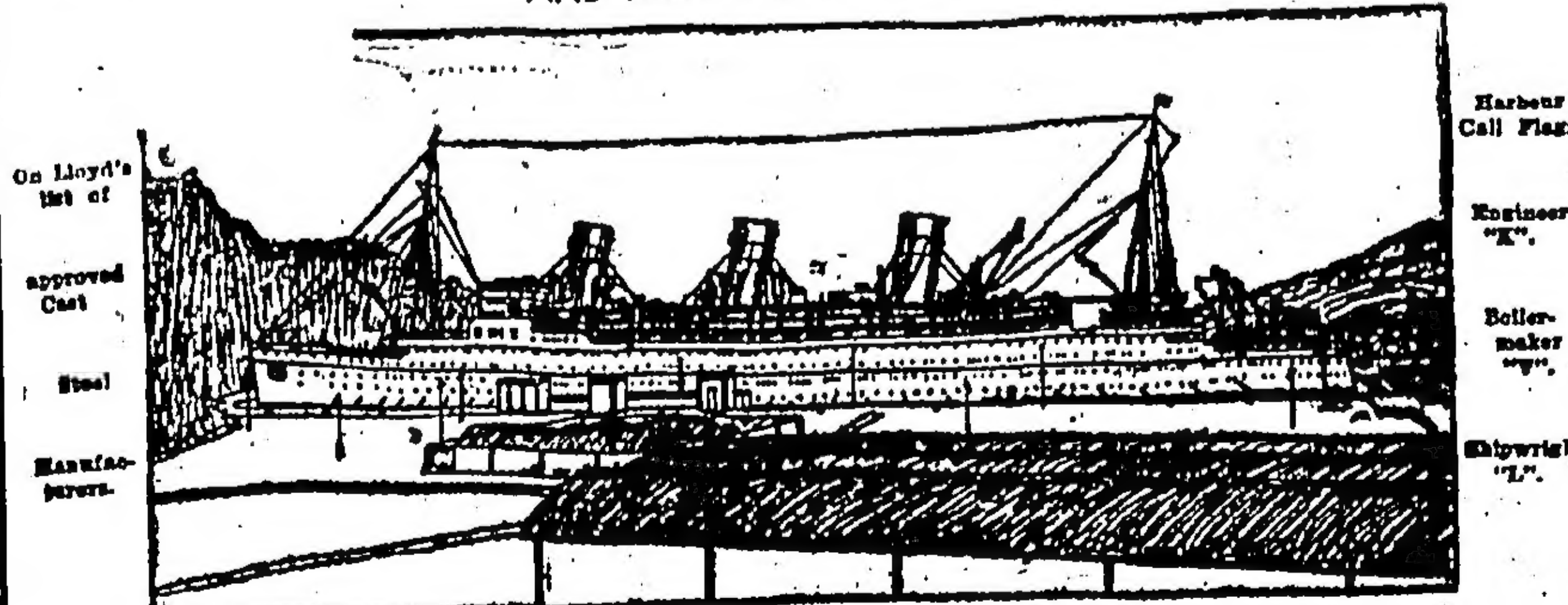
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ARMS POSSESSION FINE

On the resumption of the hearing of charges of entering the Colony without a passport and of possession of a pistol, George Arthur de Houx de Pastre, was ordered by Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning to be expelled from the Colony after paying a fine of \$80 on the count of possession of arms.

It was mentioned that the defendant had seen service in the Army in Canada, whilst he also claimed to have served in France and Siberia.

His Worship said he had heard the arguments of Mr. Leo d'Almada and the prosecution (Mr. L. H. V. Booth) in chambers.

As the prosecution were not asking for more than an expulsion order on the first charge, his Worship registered a conviction and ordered the defendant to be expelled.

FU RIVER RISES RAPIDLY

BIG ADVANTAGE TO MOTOR BOATS

Wuchow, Apr. 26. The waters of the Fu River have risen so high that it is now possible for motor boats to ply between Wuchow and Chiu Peng, a distance of 150 English miles.

This greatly shortens the time necessary for the trip to Chiu Peng, Peng Lok, and Kwai Lam. Travel on the Fu River, because of the shallow water, ordinarily has to be made in small native junks, which are rowed, pulled, or pulled.

The fast moving motor boats also lessen the possibility of attacks by brigands who are known to have their headquarters on the river.—Our Own Correspondent.

Choy Chui-sek, a cloak-room cooler employed at the Peninsula Hotel, was charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with the theft of a sweater jersey from the cloak-room of the hotel. Prosecution, Detective-Sergeant Pearson said the jersey was left in the hotel by a guest some months ago, and was kept in the cloak-room. About three days ago, it was found to be missing. A report was made to the police, who subsequently arrested a small boy in the act of pawing the jersey. On being questioned, the lad said the defendant had asked him to pawn it. Sergeant Pearson added that the defendant had been employed by the hotel for some years and had hitherto borne a good character. His Worship decided not to send the defendant to prison, and imposed a fine of \$10 or 14 days.

BRITAIN'S HINT

NAVAL TREATY CLAUSE

DISAPPOINTED BY DISARMAMENT TARDINESS

Geneva, Apr. 27. All is not going well at the Disarmament Conference. The position, indeed, is so delicate that the sudden indisposition of M. Tardieu has been welcome rather than otherwise, as likely to avert a definite breach.

Blunt admissions have been made that Great Britain regards the progress of the Conference as disappointingly slow.

A hint has been thrown out by a very prominent British statesman at Geneva that Great Britain might have to consider using the clause of the London Naval Treaty permitting construction above the specified limits.

This important hint was made in the course of a private interview intended for circulation in the newspapers of all nations.

BLESSING IN DISGUISE

M. Tardieu's rest, owing to laryngitis, may prove a blessing in disguise, as it is averting an open and avowed check at Geneva.

M. Tardieu has been leading a life of hyper-haste, covering the triangle Paris-Geneva-Belfort in coping simultaneously with a strenuous electoral tussle and vital diplomatic negotiations.

FORTY-FIVE HOURS TALKING

During sixty hours spent in his constituency, he has addressed meetings lasting over forty-five hours in the open-air. He is certain of election and can direct his campaign from his Paris flat, but his inability to keep the rendezvous at Geneva on Friday with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Stimson and Dr. Bruening may have a far-reaching effect, as the MacDonald-Stimson arbitration between M. Tardieu and Dr. Bruening regarding disarmament will be at least temporarily blocked.

Mr. Stimson will not wait long at Geneva. He is leaving on Friday for the Riviera, on route for home, and Mr. MacDonald cannot stay indefinitely at Geneva.

It is doubtful, anyway, whether a real rapprochement could be obtained, since Hitler's victory at the polls there is deemed a good reason for France to making any more concessions to Germany.—Reuter.

ARSENAL DEFEAT HUDDERSFIELD

THIRD MATCH IN FIVE DAYS

London, Apr. 27.

The Arsenal, playing their third match in five days, gave a splendid performance at Huddersfield to-day, repeating their success in the sixth round of the F. A. Cup competition.

It is now practically certain that (unless Everton come an unexpected cropper) the Arsenal will be runners-up for the League as well as for the Cup. Newcastle, the Cup winners, failed to beat the lowly Blackpool side.

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Huddersfield	1 Arsenal	2
Newcastle	2 Blackpool	2

Scottish League

Rangers	1 Hamilton	0
Clyde	1 Queen's Park	0

The revised English league table, shows the following as leaders:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	39	25	3	11	115	63	53
Arsenal	40	20	10	10	81	48	50
Wednesday	40	21	6	13	93	78	48
Aston Villa	40	19	8	13	102	47	48
Huddersfield	40	18	10	12	77	59	48
West Brom	41	20	6	15	72	49	48
Sheffield U.	40	20	6	14	79	69	40

—Reuter.

THE MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

EIGHT MORE CASES YESTERDAY

Yesterday's health return shows an increase in the number of meningitis cases. In all, eight were notified, four each in Victoria and Kowloon.

There were also two cases of small-pox and two of diphtheria.

MR. STIMSON'S MESSAGE.

Paris, Apr. 27.

Mr. Stimson has sent a message to M. Tardieu, expressing regret that they cannot re-meet to resume their discussions on the important matters which they have already considered.

He regrets that his health compels him to leave Geneva as soon as possible, but gives an assurance that the American delegation at Geneva will do everything in its power to carry on their labours in the spirit which has hitherto animated the discussions.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has telegraphed to M. Tardieu expressing deep regret at his illness, and hoping for a complete and early restoration to health.—Reuter.

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